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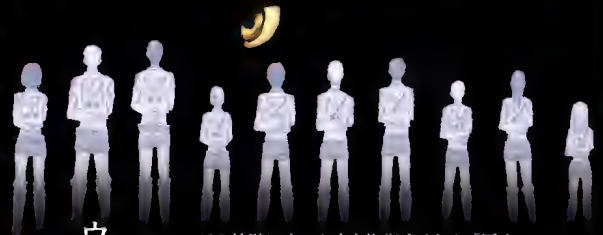

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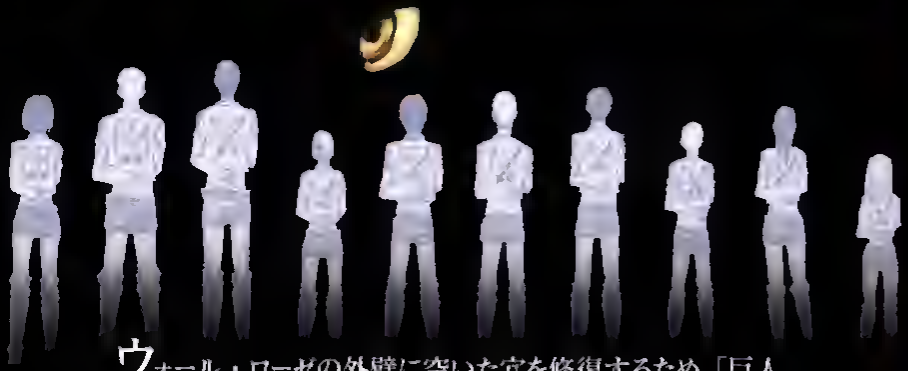

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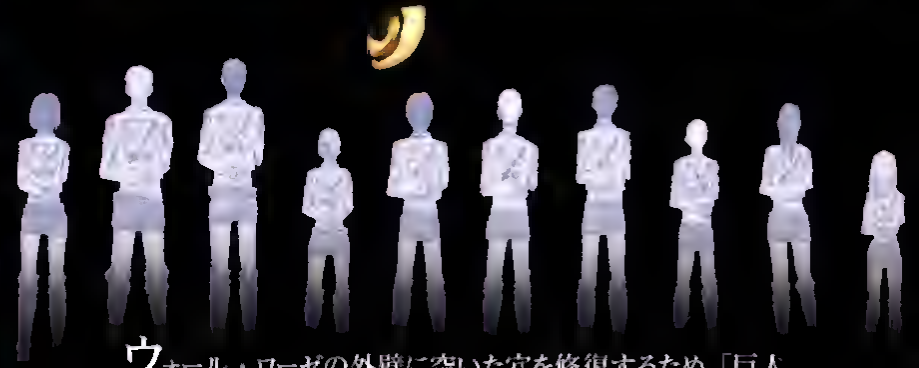

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「進撃の巨人」の世界

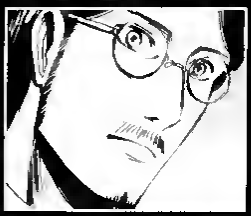
巨人

THEY PREY UPON HUMANS. THEIR INTELLIGENCE IS LIMITED, AND NEXT TO NOTHING IS KNOWN OF THEIR WAY OF LIFE ASIDE FROM THEY MAN-EATING HABITS.
THEY RANGE FROM AROUND 3 TO 15 METERS TALL. THEREFORE, THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO ADVANCE PAST THE WALLS THE HUMANS HAVE BUILT. BUT ONE DAY, A "COLOSSAL TITAN" APPEARED, WHICH WAS BOTH INTELLIGENT AND LARGE ENOUGH TO GO BEYOND THE 50 METERS HIGH WALL.

ARMIN ARLELT.
A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF EREN AND MIKASA'S. FEELS THAT THE OTHER TWO HAVE HAD TO PROTECT HIM SINCE CHILDHOOD FOR HIS LACK OF STRENGTH.

MIKASA ACKERMAN.
GRADUATES AS THE TOP STUDENT FROM THE MILITARY ACADEMY. SEES HER PARENTS DIE RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER. SHE'S BEEN RAISED WITH EREN EVER SINCE, AND DOGGEDLY INSISTS ON PROTECTING HIM.

EREN JAEGER.
ENAMORED WITH THE WORLD BEYOND THE WALLS, HE AIMS TO ENTER THE SCOUTING LEGION. SOMEHOW GAINS THE ABILITY TO ALTER HIS SHAPE INTO THAT OF A TITAN.



GRISHA JAEGER.
A DOCTOR, AND EREN'S FATHER. HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE THE TITANS' PREVIOUS ATTACK 5 YEARS AGO.

100 YEARS AGO,
HUMANITY BUILT THREE REINFORCED WALLS, OVER 50M HIGH EACH, THEREFORE SECURING AN AREA WHERE THEY COULD LIVE PEACEFULLY, AWAY FROM THE TITANS. BUT 5 YEARS AGO, A COLOSSAL TITAN EVEN TALLER THAN THE OUTER WALL WAS HIGH APPEARED SUDDENLY.
THE TITANS BROKE THROUGH THE RAMPART AND SWARMED THE OUTER AREA IN LARGE NUMBERS, AND HUMANITY RELINQUISHED ITS OUTERMOST TERRITORY AS A RESULT.
AS OF NOW, HUMAN ACTIVITY HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO THE CONFINES OF THE SECOND WALL (WALL ROSE).

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希望の灯が消える
陽が沈む

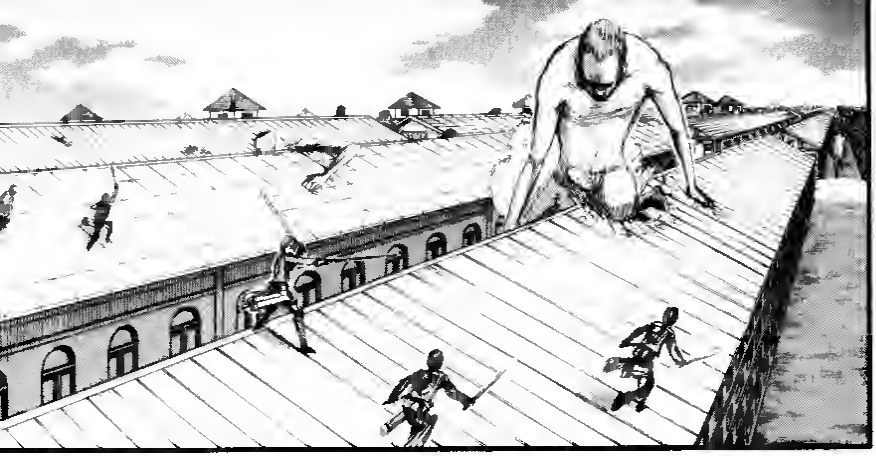
進撃の巨人

...GOT HIM...
AN-OTHER ONE COMING FROM BELOW!!
DODGE!!
ASS-HOLE!!
!!
IS THE DAMN THING DEAD ALR-EADY?!

FALL BACK FOR NOW!!
TEAM MITABI, RESUME FORMATION!!
THIS IS MIKASA, SIR. I'M BACK!!
I'LL BE JOINING TEAM MITABI!

WAKE UP, EREN! EREN?!
ARE YOU IN THERE SOME-WHERE?!
EREN?!
DON'T JUST SIT THERE, OR THE TITANS WILL KILL YOU!!
IT'S ALL GONNA END RIGHT HERE!!

I STILL DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, ARMIN...
.....
.....
WHAT WOULD I NEED TO GO OUTSIDE FOR..?
WHAT GOOD IS THE SCOUTING LEGION..?
WHAT GOOD IS IT OUT THERE...
...THAT'S RIGHT...



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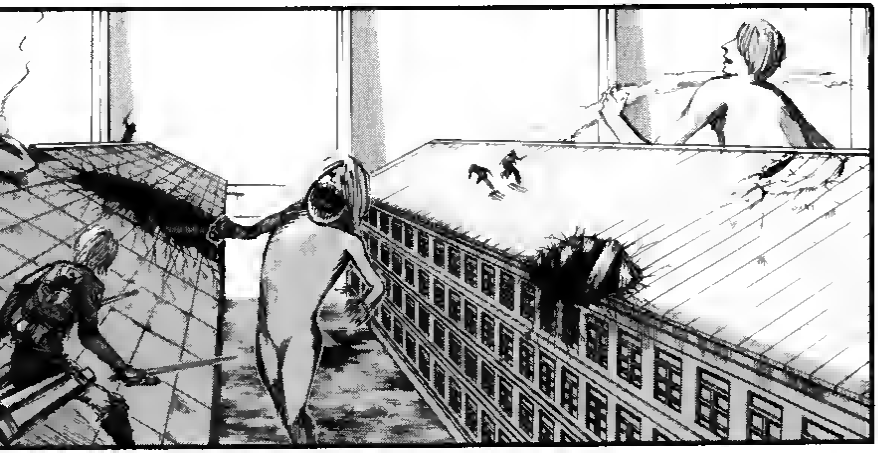
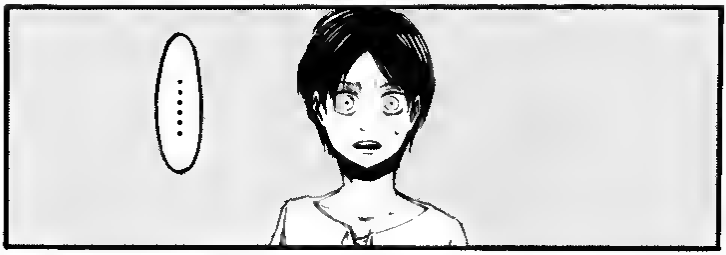


EREN
...
.....
HAA

WHAT HAPPENED TO...
...EXPLORING THE WORLD OUTSIDE? WE WERE MEANT TO.
FAR, FAR BEYOND THE WALL...
THERE IS FLAMING WATER...
EXPANSES OF ICE...
...AND SNOWFIELDS OF SAND, SPREADING AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE.
I THOUGHT I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT...
...BUT THAT CONVERSATION... IS WHAT GAVE ME THE IMPETUS TO ENLIST INTO THE SCOUTING LEGION, WASN'T IT?
THE WORLD...
.....
...OUTSIDE...?

EREN... ANSWER ME.
I KNOW THE FIRST STEP WE TAKE OUTSIDE THE WALLS WILL BEGIN OUR JOURNEY INTO HELL. BUT STILL...
TELL ME, EREN...
...WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR?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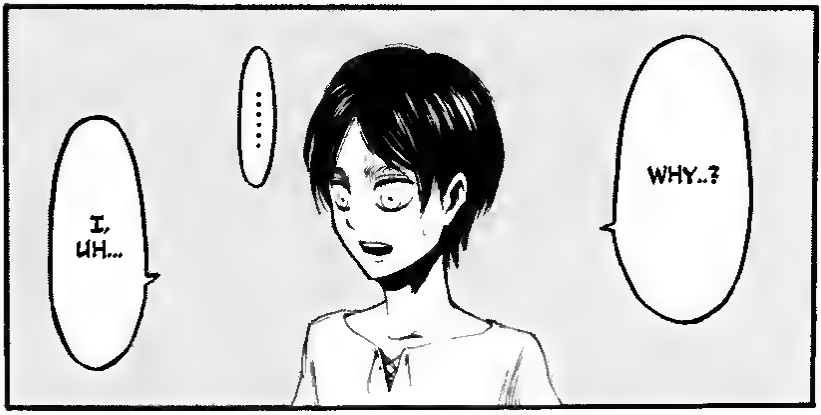
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WHY..?
I,
UH...

I
THOUGHT
IT WAS
OBVIOUS...
.....

IT'S BECAUSE ...
...THIS IS THE WORLD I WAS BORN INTO!!

LEA-
DER...
THIS
IS IT!
WE'RE
THE
ONLY
ONES
LEFT!!
UH
..!!
WITH-
DRAW
TOW-
ARDS
THE
ROCK
!!
!?

THEY'RE REACTING ACCORDING TO EREN'S CONDITION!!
STEP BACK FOR NOW !!
5 TITANS COMING THROUGH THE GATE!

EREN ...
ARMIN!!
SCORES OF TITANS CLOSING IN FROM BEHIND!!
EREN GOT THE UPPER HAND !!
NOW HE'S BUSY DOING HIS PART ..!!
LET US SEE EREN TO THE GATE...
...AND OUR VICTORY IS ASSURED!!

GUARD HIM WITH YOUR LIVES !!
……!!
WE WILL PROTECT EREN ON HIS WAY TO THE GATE EVEN IF IT'S THE LAST THING WE DO!!

!?
UH ?!
YOU TWO GET BACK TO EREN !!
!?
WHAT THE ..?!
TEAM MITABI ..?!
...YES SIR!!
UNDER-STAND ?!
THAT'S AN ORDER !!

GOTTA RUN UP TO THEM TILL THEY DO!!
THEM TITANS SCUM AREN'T SNACKING ON US !!
OVER HERE, OR I'LL SHOVE MY BLADE UP YOUR SMELLY ASS!!
OVER HERE, DAM-NIT!
RUN!!
TO THE BUILD-ING!!
HERE THEY COME !!
IT WORK-ED!!

WHAT THE..!! WHY'D THEY GET DOWN TO THE GROUND, THIS IS SUICIDE!!
YOU CAN'T FIGHT WITHOUT HORSES OR BUILDINGS AROUND !!
WRONG...
THIS...
...WAS THE ONLY OPTION.
PROCEED AFTER TEAM MITABI !!
FORCIBLY ESTABLISH CONTACT IF YOU MUST! WE'RE MAKING OURSELVES THE TARGETS !!

I FEEL...
...LIKE MY BODY'S GOING ...
...TO BREAK APART...

MIKASA
...
ARMIN...
!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ..?
YOU CAN'T WALK AROUND HERE...
YOU'LL BECOME TITAN FOOD...

TELL ME, EREN...
...WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR?

ALL OF US.
...BORN FREE...
WE WERE ALL...
...HOW STRONG THEY ARE.
ANYONE TRIES TO TAKE THAT AWAY FROM US, IT'S NOT GONNA MATTER...

...CAN CALL THEMSELVES THE FREEEST PERSON IN THE WORLD.
WHOEVER GETS TO SEE THOSE THINGS ...
...OR WHATEVER...
FLAMING WATER, ICY LANDSCAPES ...
FIGHT!!
...THAT IS WORTH DYING FOR.
THAT IS THE SORT OF THING ...
NO MATTER.
THE WORLD OUT THERE MIGHT BE A SCARY PLACE.

THE WORLD OUT THERE MIGHT BE CRUEL.
NO MATTER.

JUST
FIGHT!!

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FIGHT
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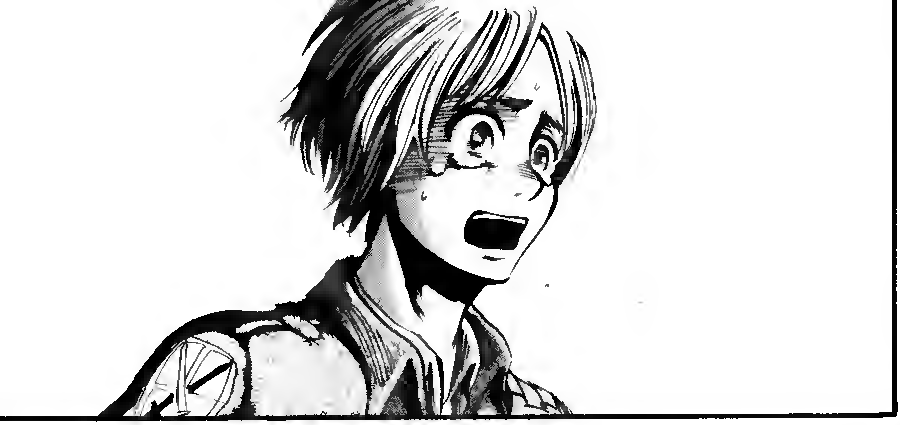
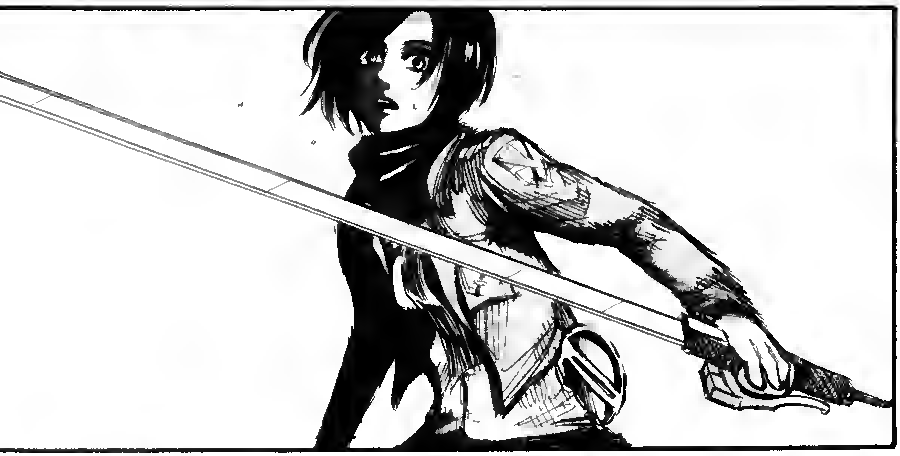
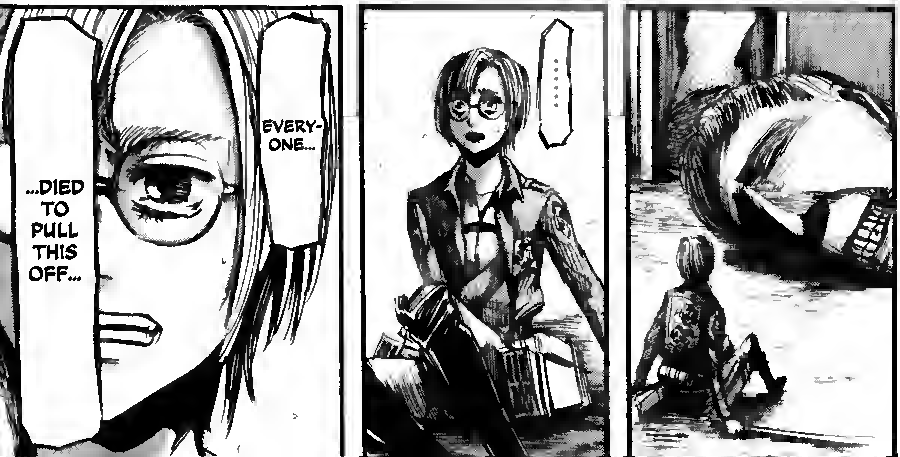
GO, EREN
GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!






EVERY-ONE...
...DIED TO PULL THIS OFF...

...HAS THE UPPER HAND..
...HUMANITY...
TODAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME...
SEND REINFORCEMENTS AT ONCE!!
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...HAS SUCCEEDED, SIR.
THE OPERATION...
A YELLOW SMOKE BOMB...
EVACUATE THE ELITE SQUAD!!
I'LL WITHDRAW AS SOON AS EREN RECOVERS!
THE REMAINING TITANS ARE COMING! LET'S CLIMB UP THE WALL!!

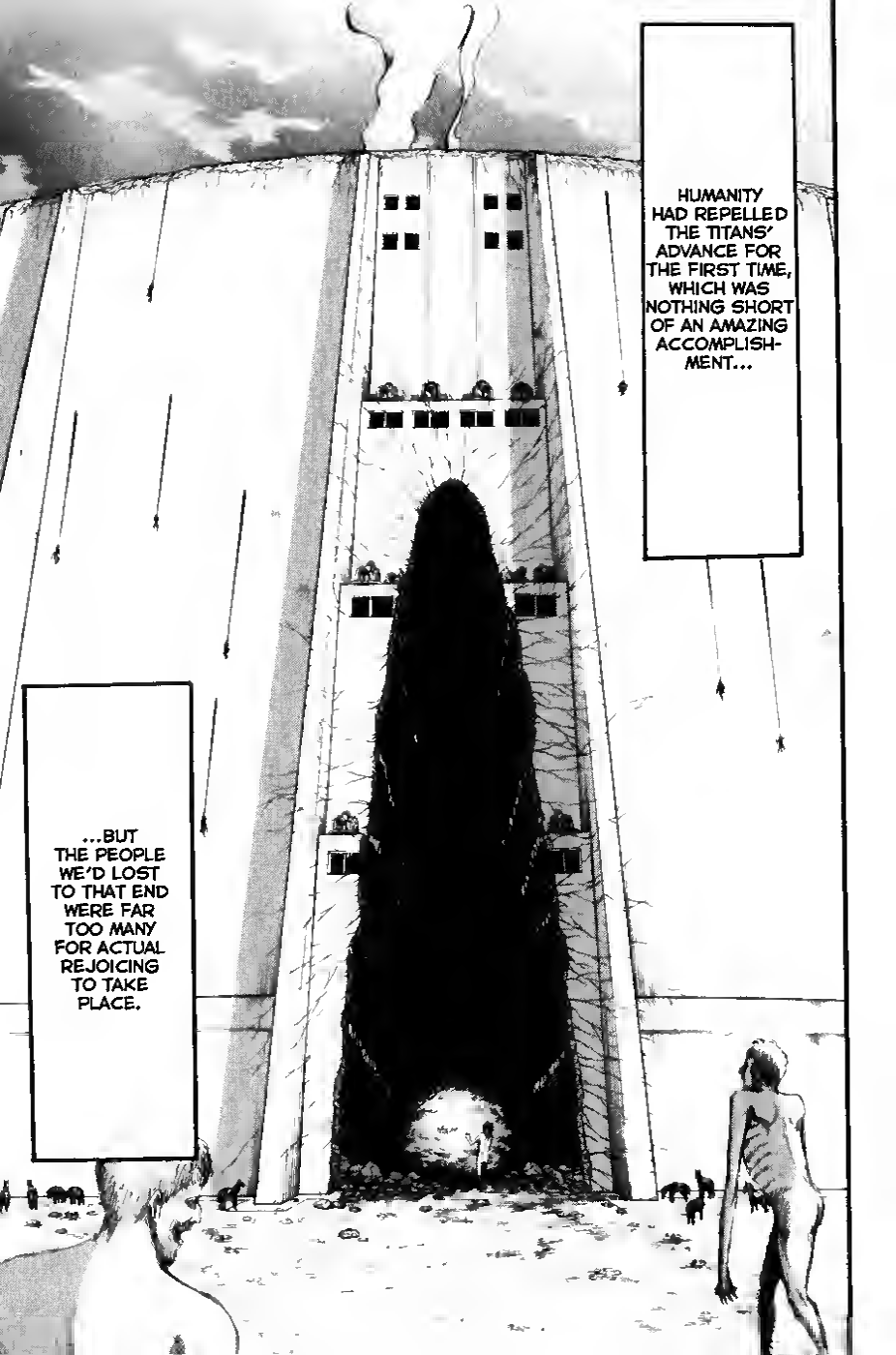
YOU'RE BURNING, MAN!!
HECK! HE'S STILL PARTIALLY MERGED WITH THAT THING!
NO MATTER HOW HARD I PULL HE REMAINS STUCK IN HERE!
ARMIN!! HOW'S EREN?!
HE'S POSITIVELY BAKING WITH FEVER! WE NEED TO CLIMB UP THE WALL, NOW..!
GOTTA CUT HIM OUT, THEN!
WA-WAIT!!

UNH...
WHOA !!
!!
AH..!

ARMIN!!
EREN!!
!!

!!
MIK-ASA?!
UH?!
THESE ARE...
THE WINGS ...
...OF LIBERTY ...

MIND TELLING ME...
KIDDOS...
HEY...
...WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?
THE SCOUTING LEGION AND THE STATIONARY TROOPS' ENGINEERING DIVISION SHOWED UP QUICKLY AFTERWARDS...
...ENDEAVORING TO MAKE WALL ROSE IMPERVIOUS TO TITAN INTRUSIONS ONCE AGAIN.


HUMANITY HAD REPELLED THE TITANS' ADVANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHICH WAS NOTHING SHORT OF AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISH-MENT...
...BUT THE PEOPLE WE'D LOST TO THAT END WERE FAR TOO MANY FOR ACTUAL REJOICING TO TAKE PLACE.

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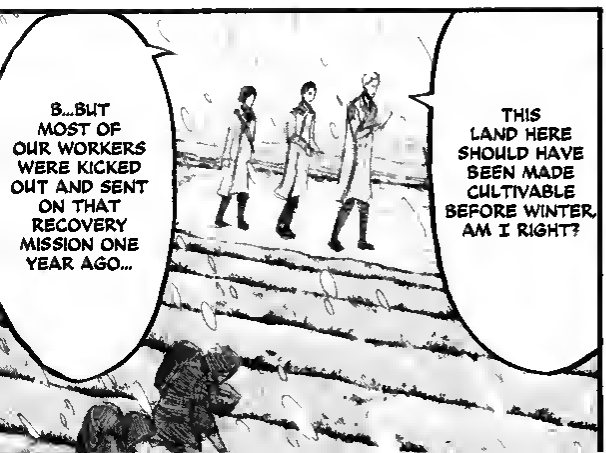

B...BUT MOST OF OUR WORKERS WERE KICKED OUT AND SENT ON THAT RECOVERY MISSION ONE YEAR AGO...
THIS LAND HERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE CULTIVABLE BEFORE WINTER, AM I RIGHT?

OF THAT I AM QUITE AWARE. BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING. MAINTAINING PRODUCTION OUTPUT UP TO THE SCHEDULED AMOUNTS IS SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR DAMN JOB.
MY... MY APOLOGIES, SIR!
WE'RE GONNA BE THE ONES WHO END UP STARVING, AT THIS RATE.
THE MILITARY POLICE. SO FULL OF THEMSELVES...
.....
...FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A TITAN LOOKS LIKE..
QUIT RAMBLING, YOU SENILE OLD FOOL. DON'T GIVE THE KIDS ANY FUNNY IDEAS...
HEY, KIDS...
...YOU GUYS'RE OLD ENOUGH FOR THE TRAINEES SQUAD. AREN'T YOU?
IF YOU'RE GONNA BE SOLDIERS, BE SURE NOT TO BECOME LIKE THOSE GUYS...

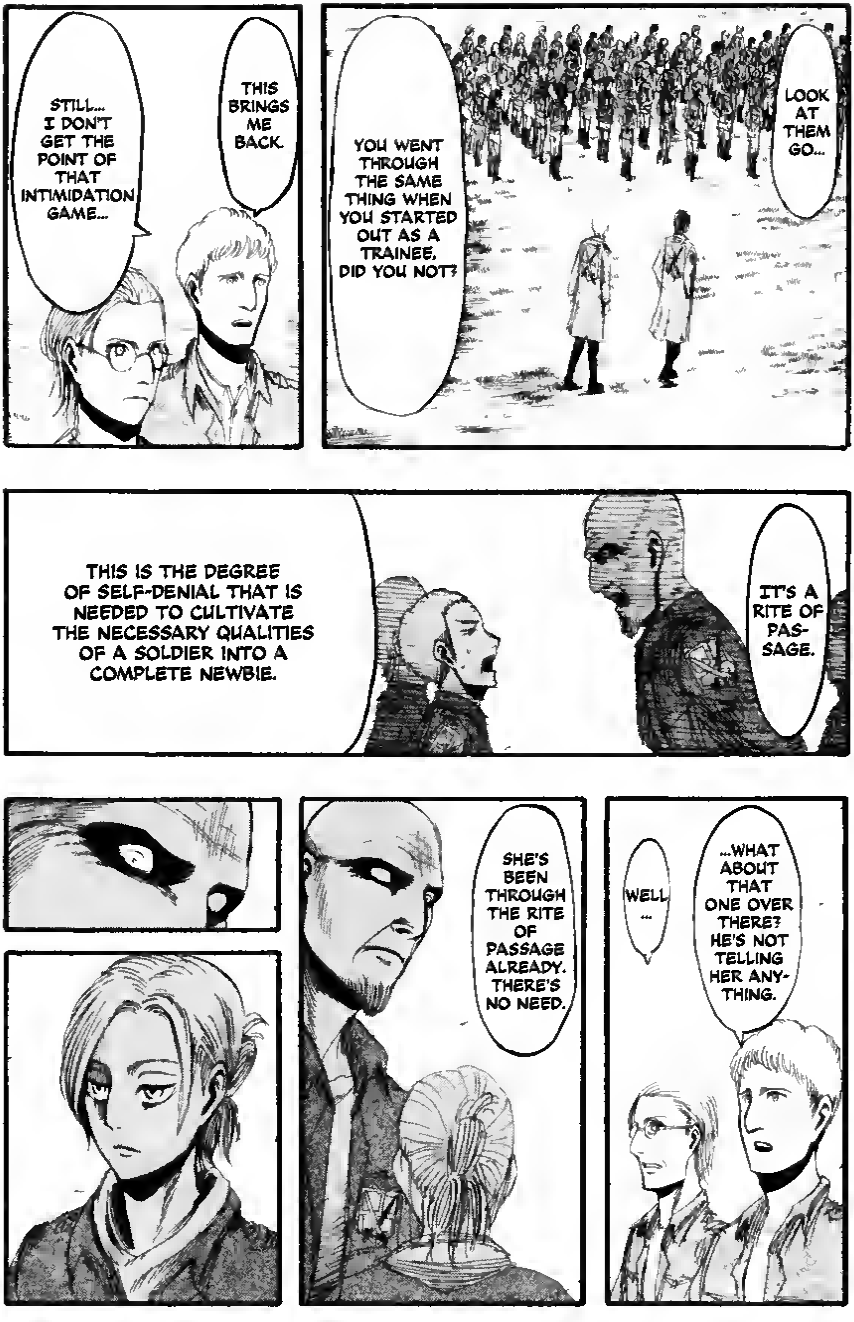
WHAT'S WRONG, ARMIN?
.....!
RECOVERY MISSION, MY FOOT...
THEY KILLED OFF MY MOM AND DAD TO HAVE LESS MOUTHS TO FEED...
YET LOOK AT TH-EM...
LOOK AT THEM NOW!

SIR!
HEY!
YOU, THERE!

ARMIN ARLELT, SIR! FROM THE SHIGAN-SHINA DISTRICT !!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU ?!

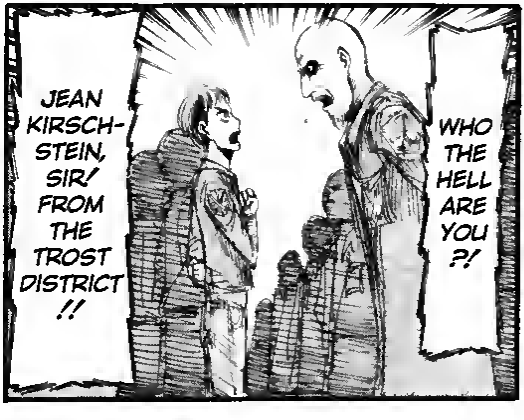
MY GRAND-FATHER DID, SIR!
YOUR PARENTS GAVE IT TO YOU?!
OH YEAH?! SILLY NAME, THAT!!
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?!
A R L E L T !

TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS HUMANKIND'S VICTORY, SIR!!
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR!!
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE GREAT TITAN FOOD IF IT COMES TO THAT!!
THIRD LINE, LOOK BEHIND YOU!
...!!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!!
SIR!


THIS BRINGS ME BACK.
STILL... I DON'T GET THE POINT OF THAT INTIMIDATION GAME...
LOOK AT THEM GO...
YOU WENT THROUGH THE SAME THING WHEN YOU STARTED OUT AS A TRAINEE, DID YOU NOT?
THIS IS THE DEGREE OF SELF-DENIAL THAT IS NEEDED TO CULTIVATE THE NECESSARY QUALITIES OF A SOLDIER INTO A COMPLETE NEWBIE.
IT'S A RITE OF PAS-SAGE.
SHE'S BEEN THROUGH THE RITE OF PASSAGE ALREADY. THERE'S NO NEED.
WELL, ...
...WHAT ABOUT THAT ONE OVER THERE? HE'S NOT TELLING HER ANY-THING.

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO IT WAS HELL ON EARTH. I ASSUME YOU PEOPLE WERE THERE TO SEE IT.
IT SHOWS ON YOUR FACES.

WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?!


JEAN KIRSCH-STEIN, SIR! FROM THE TROST DISTRICT !!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU ?!

...AND LIVE IN THE INNER DISTRICT, SIR.
TO ENTER THE MILITARY POLICE...
.....
YES SIR!
I SEE! SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WANNA BE, EH?
YOU CHICKEN OUT NOW, YOU'RE NEVER GONNA MAKE IT INTO THE POLICE!!
HEY THERE! WHO AUTH-ORIZED YOU TO SIT DOWN?!!
HU-MPH!!
!!
MARCO BODT, SIR! FROM JINAE TOWN IN... IN WALL ROSE'S SOUTHERN DISTRICT!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!!

I WANT TO ENTER THE KING'S SERVICE!!
THE POLICE FORCE, SIR!
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?!
...THAT SAID...
...YOU MAKE THAT YOUR GOAL.
WELL, I THINK THAT'S GREAT...
THAT SO..?
.....
YOU, PUNK!! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!!
NEXT!!
...I DOUBT THE KING WILL FIND YOU TO HIS TASTE. IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
FROM THE VILLAGE OF RAGAKO, IN WALL ROSE'S SOUTHERN DISTRICT!
CONNY SPRINGER, SIR!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS YOU LEARNED! THIS SALUTE IS MEANT TO REPRESENT YOUR RESOLVE TO COMMIT YOUR VERY HEART TO PUBLIC SERVICE..!
.....!!
YOU GOT IT BACK-WARDS, CONNY SPRIN-GER..!
.....
IS YOUR HEART ON THE RIGHT SIDE, CONNY ?!
...!!
SFX: MUNCH MUNCH.

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YOU... THERE... WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
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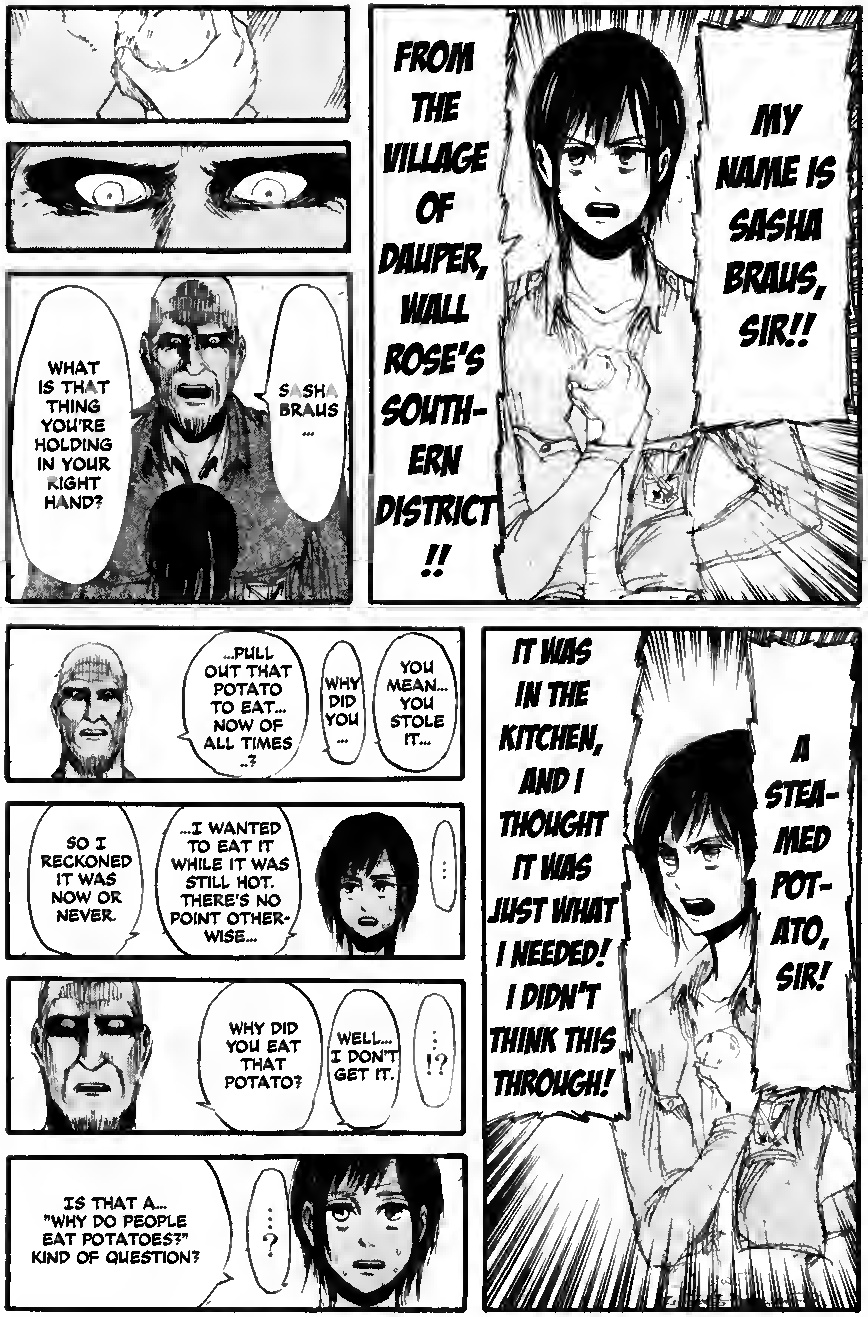
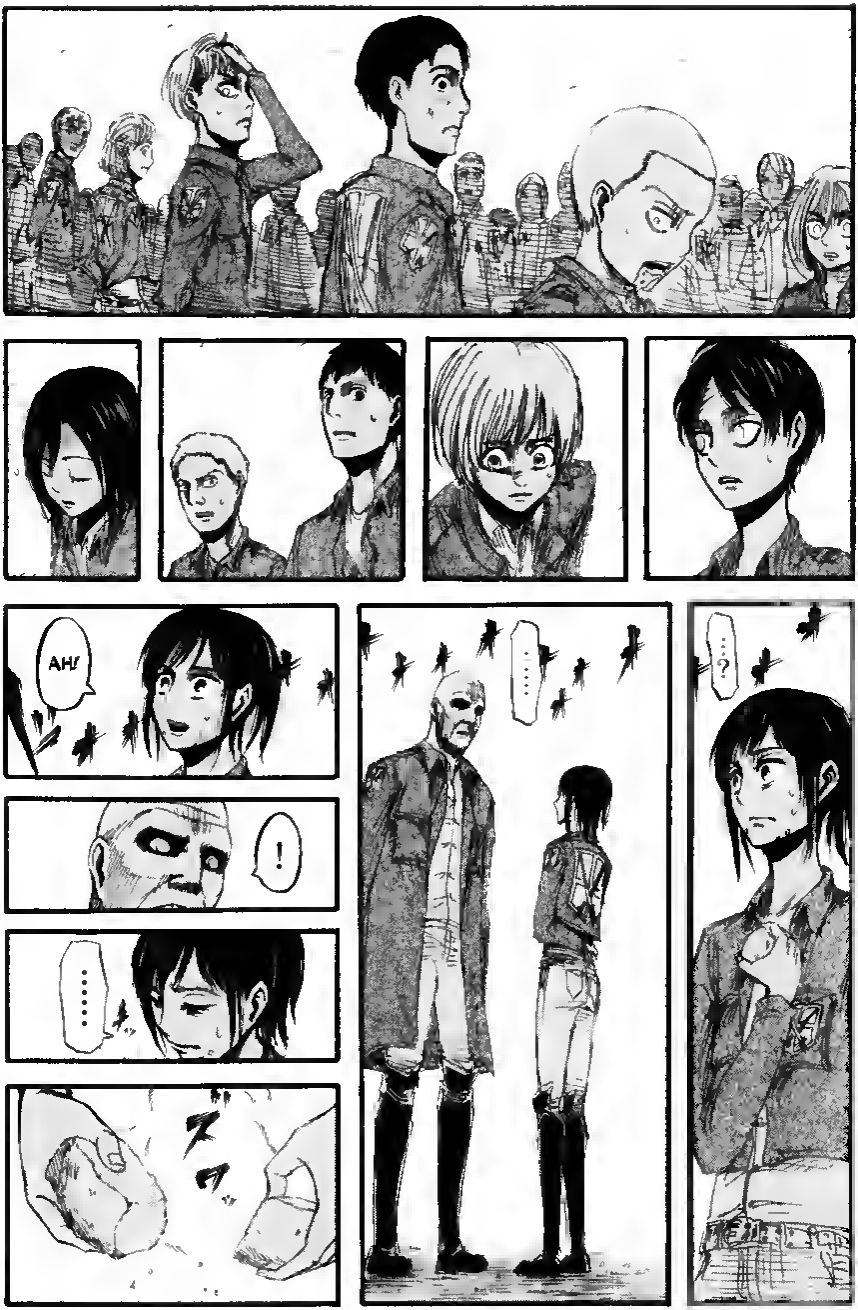
WHA ?!
……!?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
!?
YOU!! I'M TALK-ING TO YOU, DAM-NIT !!


MY NAME IS SASHA BRAUS, SIR!!
FROM THE VILLAGE OF DAUPER, WALL ROSE'S SOUTHERN DISTRICT!!
SASHA BRAUS...
WHAT IS THAT THING YOU'RE HOLDING IN YOUR RIGHT HAND?
A STEAMED POTATO, SIR!
IT WAS IN THE KITCHEN, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST WHAT I NEEDED! I DIDN'T THINK THIS THROUGH!
YOU MEAN... YOU STOLE IT...
WHY DID YOU...
...PULL OUT THAT POTATO TO EAT... NOW OF ALL TIMES..?
...I WANTED TO EAT IT WHILE IT WAS STILL HOT. THERE'S NO POINT OTHERWISE...
SO I RECKONED IT WAS NOW OR NEVER.
...!?
WELL... I DON'T GET IT.
WHY DID YOU EAT THAT POTATO?
IS THAT A... "WHY DO PEOPLE EAT POTATOES?" KIND OF QUESTION?
...?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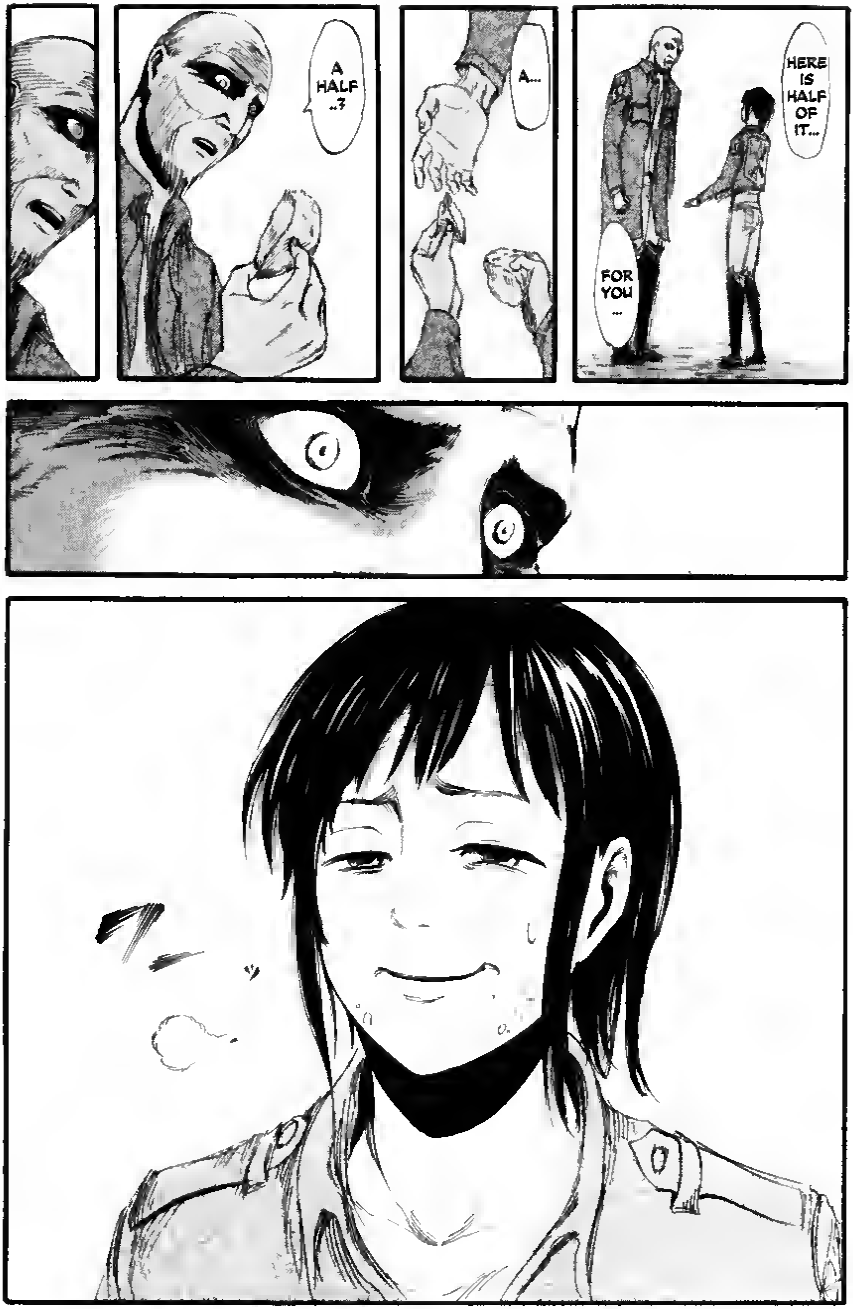
A HALF ..?
A...
HERE IS HALF OF IT...
FOR YOU ...

MAN...
THAT POTATO GIRL IS STILL RUNNING, SHE IS.
UH?
IT'S BEEN LIKE 5 HOURS STRAIGHT. WOW. JUST WOW.
THE WHOLE THING ABOUT RUNNING TILL NEAR DEATH DIDN'T GET TO HER...
..QUITE AS MUCH AS THE MOMENT SHE WAS TOLD TO SKIP LUNCH.
I DO REMEMBER SOMETHING ABOUT DAUPER BEING A REMOTE, SCARCELY POPULATED VILLAGE OF HUNTERS INSIDE THE MOUNTAINS.
I'M SURPRISED TO HEAR THOSE STILL EXIST...
BY THE WAY, WE NEVER GOT TO HEAR WHERE YOU'RE FROM...
WHERE DID YOU LIVE?

I'M FROM SHIGANSHINA, JUST LIKE HIM.
I LIVED THERE TILL I WAS 12... BEFORE MOVING TO THE LANDFILL.
...I SEE. SO THAT'S YOUR STORY...
THAT MEANS ...
...YOU WERE IN SHIGANSHINA THE DAY IT HAPPENED!
HEY. EASY, THERE!!
DID YOU SEE IT?
DID YOU GET TO SEE THE COLOSSAL TITAN?!
YEAH ...

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HOW BIG IS IT?!
FOR REAL?!
...YES, I GOT TO SEE IT.
.....
FOR THE 1000TH TIME...
SFX: OOOOOOOOOOH!
NAH... IT WASN'T QUITE THAT BIG.
THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID IN MY VILLAGE TOO!
ME TOO!!
WHAT?! IT COULD STRADDLE THE WALL, I HEARD!
BIG ENOUGH FOR ITS HEAD TO SHOW ABOVE THE WALL.
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BUT DESPITE THE NAME, IT LOOKED JUST LIKE YOUR AVERAGE TITAN TO ME
I SAW THAT ONE TOO.
WHAT ABOUT THE "ARMORED TITAN" THAT BROKE WALL MARIA?
IT WAS MOSTLY SKINLESS, WITH A HUGE MOUTH.
WHAT DID ITS FACE LOOK LIKE?
SFX: OOOOOOOOOOH!
...WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE TITAN LOOK LIKE?!
WELL, THEN...

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UGH...
...ENOUGH WITH THE QUESTIONING, FOLKS.
SOME THINGS ARE BEST LEFT FORGOTTEN.
SORRY! MUST HAVE REMINDED YOU A LOT OF UNPLEASANT STUFF..!
HAH!

WRONG..
UH?
TITANS... AREN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL, WHEN YOU COME DOWN TO IT.
ONCE WE GET USED TO THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL MANEUVER GEAR THEY'LL BE NOTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT!

SCREW STONE-PICKING AND WEEDING. WE'RE TRAINING TO BE SOLDIERS AT LAST!
MY EMOTIONS JUST GOT THE BETTER OF ME, THAT'S ALL.
I-IF YOU SAY SO...
THEN, I CAN ENTER THE SCOUTING LEGION...
...AND WIPE THE TITANS OFF THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH!
WHEN THAT HAPP-ENS...
HELLO? ARE YOU INSANE?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT JOINING THE SCOUTING LEGION?
YEAH... I DID.
!
IF MEM-ORY SER-VES...
...YOU'RE THAT GUY WHO WANTS TO JOIN THE MILITARY POLICE TO CHILL, RIGHT?

HONEST IS WHAT I AM...
A LOT MORE THAN SOME GUY WHO PUTS ON A BRAVE FACADE EVEN AS DEEP DOWN, HE'S PISSING HIS PANTS, ANYWAY.
LISTEN TO YOURSELF. THINK YOU'RE SMART, EH?
YOU TALKING ABOUT ME, MISTER SMARTY-PANTS?
OH. MY BAD.
!?
I HAVE THAT BAD HABIT OF ALWAYS SPEAKING WHAT'S ON MY MIND.
NEVER MEANT TO UPSET YOU.
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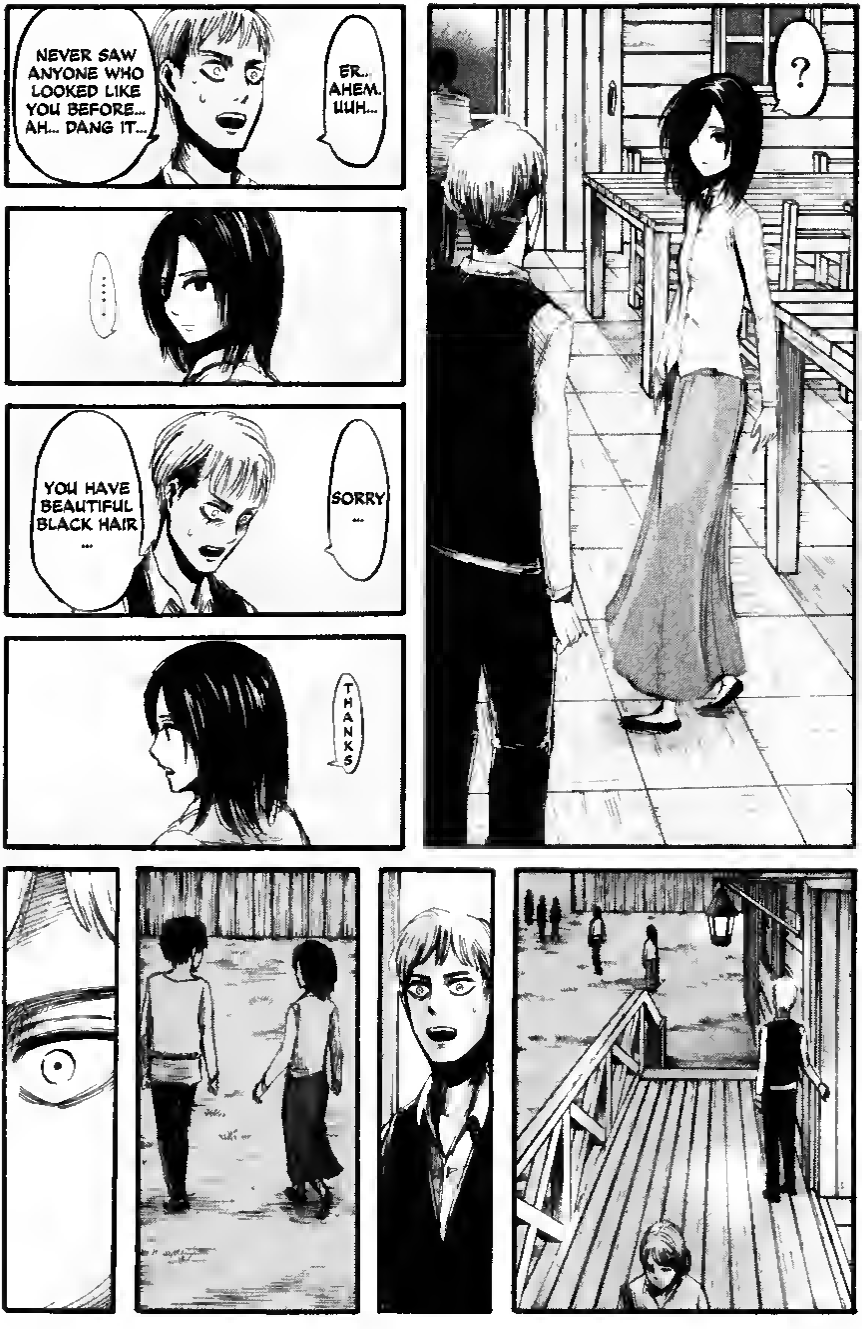
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I WAS A BIT TOO EAGER TO PICK A FIGHT MYSELF.
WHAT EVERY-ONE DOES WITH THEIR LIVES IS THEIR OWN BUSI-NESS.
I DON'T MEAN TO DISMISS YOUR OPINION.
DINNER'S OVER. TIME TO TIDY UP.
YEP.
SURE LET'S FORGET ABOUT IT AND BE FRIENDS, OKAY?
!
HE... HEY, YOU..!


NEVER SAW ANYONE WHO LOOKED LIKE YOU BEFORE... AH... DANG IT...
ER.. AHEM. UUH...
.....
YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL BLACK HAIR ...
SORRY ...
THANKS
?

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...
HERE WE GO AGAIN...
...AIN'T YOUR HAIR A BIT TOO LONG?
GREAT WAY TO GET INTO AN ACCIDENT DURING THE MANEUVER DRILLS.
I TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU FOR A SECOND AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS...
THE HECK? NO, I WASN'T GETTING INTO A FIGHT.
OW!!
BUT... HOW SHORT DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE?
YEAH. ALRIGHT, I'LL CUT IT.

…!?
WHAT THE HECK HAVE YOU WIPED IN THERE?
H… HEY, MAN!! DOES MY SHIRT LOOK LIKE A TISSUE TO YOU?!
MY TRUST…
…IN OTHERS …
FI-NI-SH-ED …
AT LAST …
PANT
PANT

VILLAGE...
HE DID HAVE ME... RUN TILL I ALMOST DIED, HE DID...
AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D FIND SOME NICE THINGS TO EAT WHEN I LEFT MY...
I BET I'LL HAVE STARVED TO DEATH BY TOMORROW MORNING...
SO MANY...
...THINGS LEFT I... WANTED TO... EAT...

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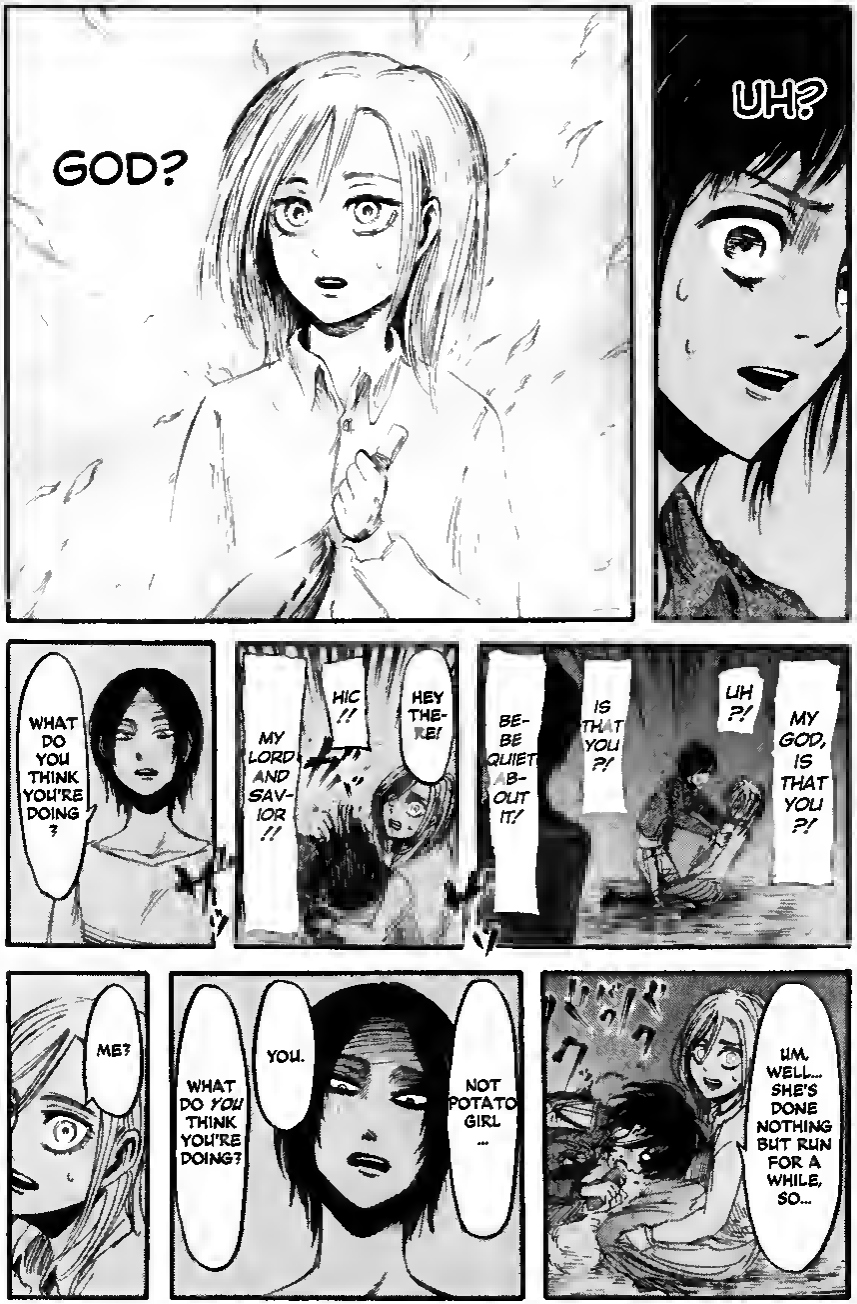
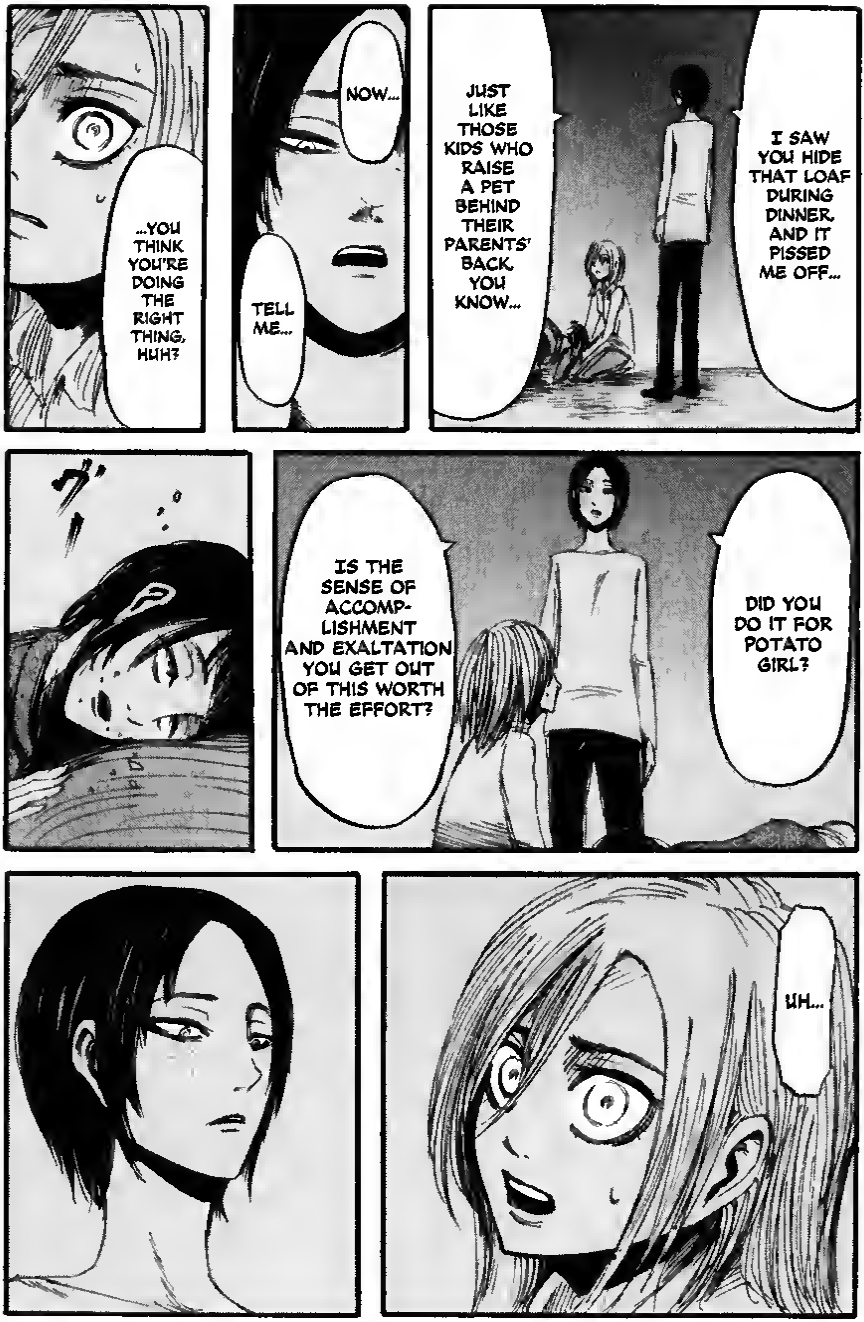
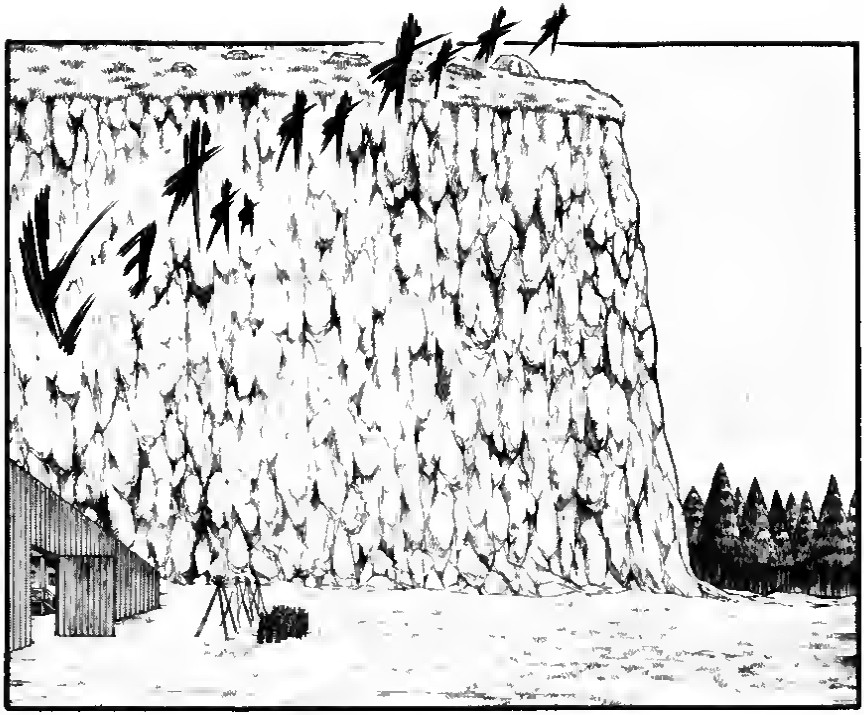
WHAT'S THIS?!
HUH !!
BREE- AAAD !!
IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT I THOUGHT YOU COULD USE SOME.
WELL... STILL... MIGHT BE BETTER TO DRINK SOME WATER FIRST...


GOD?
UH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
MY LORD AND SAV-IOR!!
HIC!!
HEY THE-RE!
BE-BE QUIET AB-OUT IT!
IS THAT YOU?!
UH?!
MY GOD, IS THAT YOU?!
ME?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
YOU.
NOT POTATO GIRL...
UM, WELL... SHE'S DONE NOTHING BUT RUN FOR A WHILE, SO...


...YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING, HUH?
NOW...
TELL ME...
JUST LIKE THOSE KIDS WHO RAISE A PET BEHIND THEIR PARENTS' BACK, YOU KNOW...
I SAW YOU HIDE THAT LOAF DURING DINNER, AND IT PISSED ME OFF...
IS THE SENSE OF ACCOMP-LISHMENT AND EXALTATION YOU GET OUT OF THIS WORTH THE EFFORT?
DID YOU DO IT FOR POTATO GIRL?
UH...

LIKE HELL I'D KNOW...
HUH?
IS THAT IT..?
I...
I... CHOSE TO DO THIS BE-CAUSE...
...I WANTED TO BE SEEN AS SOME-BODY YOU CAN COUNT UPON...
ANYWAY... LET'S GET POTATO GIRL TO HER BED.
UH?!
YOU'D HAVE A HARD TIME CARRYING HER ON YOUR OWN WOULDN'T YOU?
.....
AHEM...
WHY WOULD *YOU*...
...CHOOSE TO DO THE "RIGHT THING"?
IF I DO HER A FAVOR SHE'LL OWE ME... THAT'S WHY. I CAN BANK ON HER STUPIDITY.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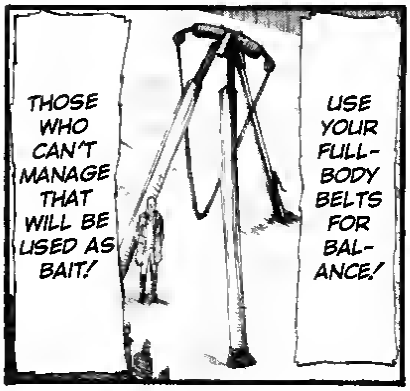
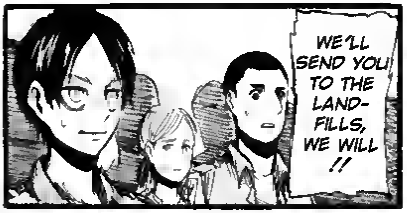
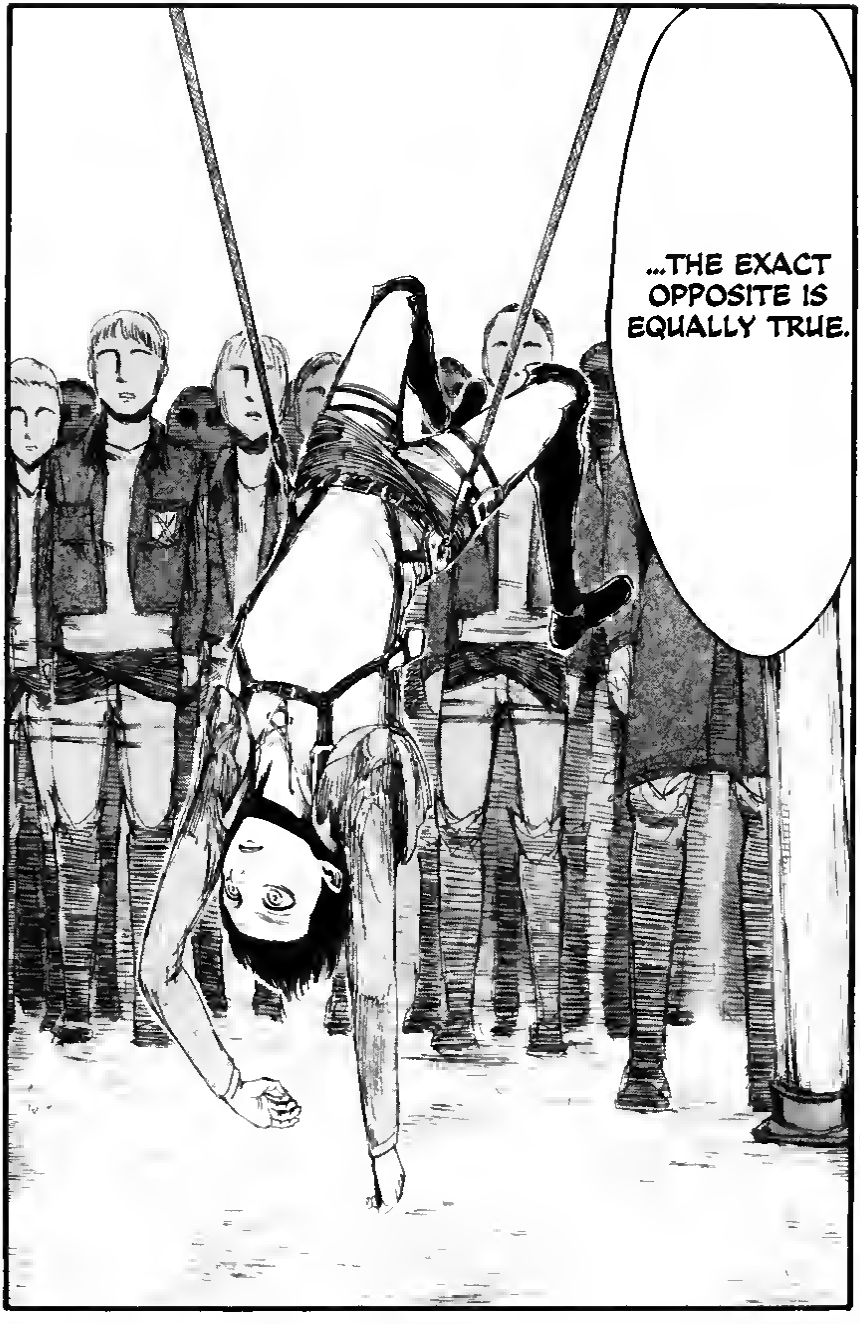

THOSE WHO CAN'T MANAGE THAT WILL BE USED AS BAIT!
USE YOUR FULL-BODY BELTS FOR BALANCE!


WE'LL SEND YOU TO THE LAND-FILLS, WE WILL!!

JUST TIE THE ROPES TO BOTH SIDES OF YOUR WAISTS, AND HANG DOWN FROM THERE!!
FIRST THING, LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE GOOD FOR SOME-THING!

HM...
THIS IS BUT THE MOST BASIC STEP. BUT FROM THERE WE CAN GET A GOOD GRASP OF YOUR GENERAL APTITUDE.
SHE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT... THAT'S WHAT I MEAN BY APTITUDE.
THIS IS WHAT I CALL PERFECT ...
THAT GIRL, THERE... LOOK AT HER.
...WE HAVE MANY COMP-ETENT PEOPLE THIS TIME AROUND.
HMM... I'LL SAY...
...IF SOME PEOPLE CAN PERFORM MUCH BETTER THAN OTHERS...
...SPEAKING OF APTITUDE ...
THAT ONE ..
UM ...


...THE EXACT OPPOSITE IS EQUALLY TRUE.

UPPER BODY UP!!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, EREN JAEGER ?!!
HOW DID...
...THIS HAPPEN ..?
WHAT'S GOING ON..?
UH..?
IT WASN'T MEANT TO GO DOWN THIS WAY...
YOU GOTTA... BE KIDDING ME.

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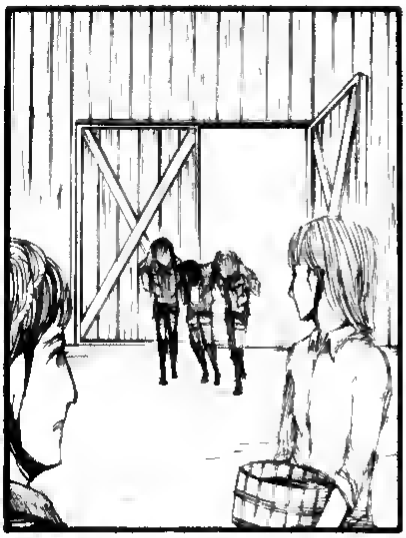
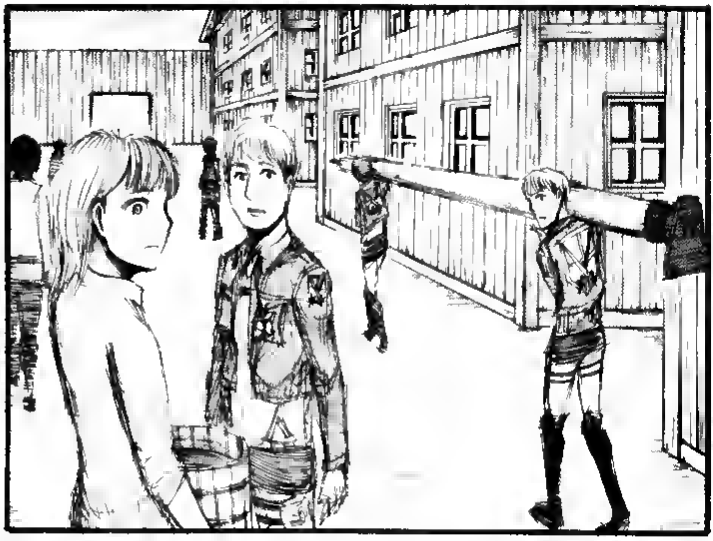
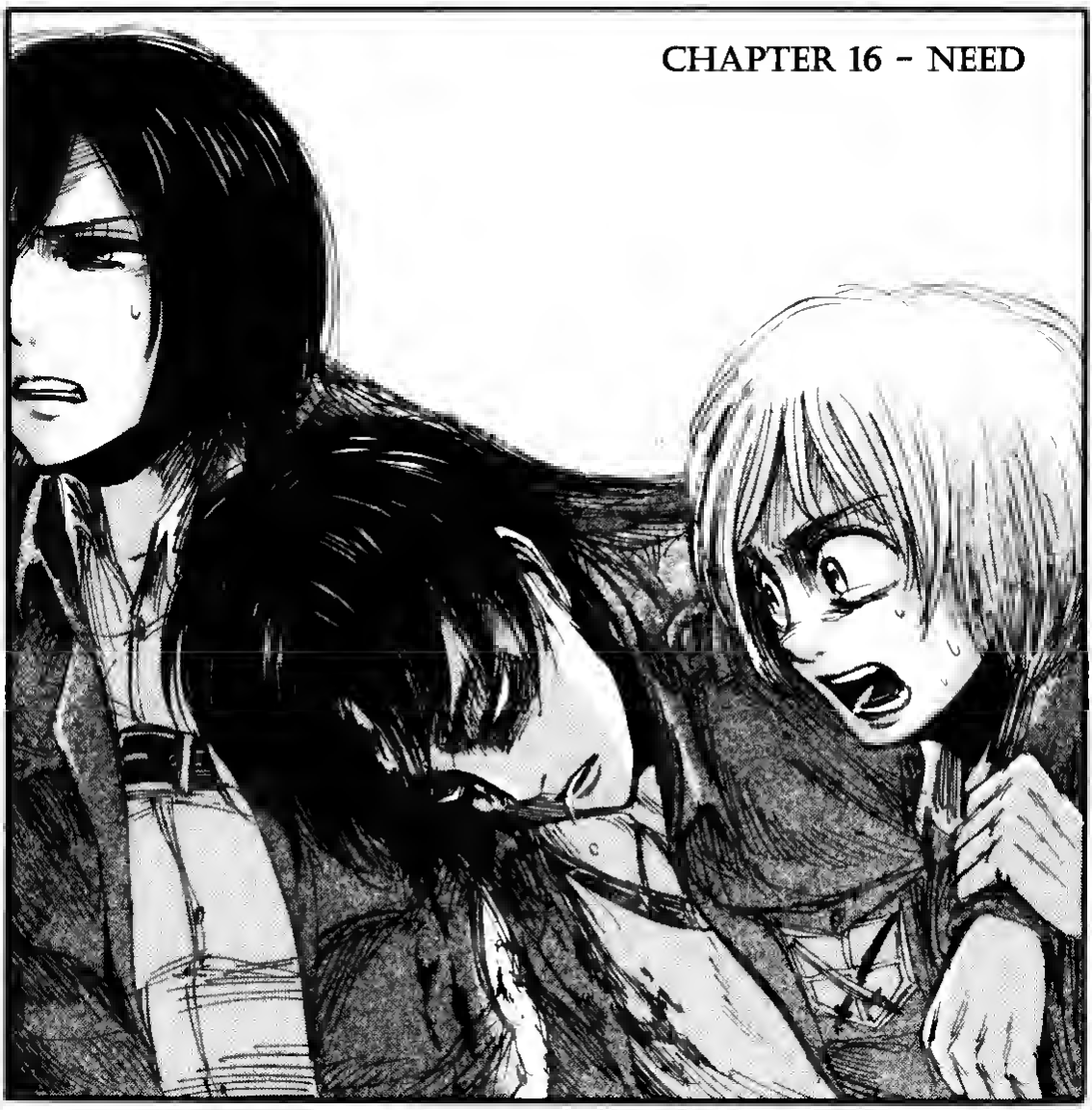
DON'T GO FOR ANYTHING EXCEPTIONAL.
JUST FOLLOW THE BASICS, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF.
EVEN I CAN DO THIS AND I SUCK AT PHYSICAL STUFF.
BE CALM ABOUT IT, AND IT SHOULD WORK OUT.
CON-CENTRATE ON YOUR FRONT AND BACK BALANCE ONLY. IMPART YOUR WEIGHT ONTO THE BELTS ON YOUR WAIST AND THE BACK OF YOUR LEGS. EASY.
KEEP THE MUSCLES IN YOUR BODY TAUT. AND LET YOUR LOWER BODY RELAX.
HERE GOES.
PULL ME UP, ARMIN!
...THIS TIME AROUND I'M SURE I'M GONNA MAKE IT.

EH ?!
UH ?!



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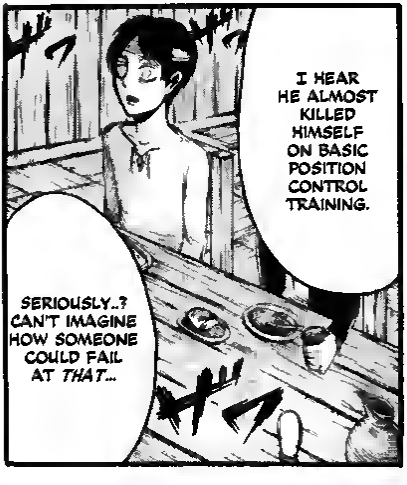
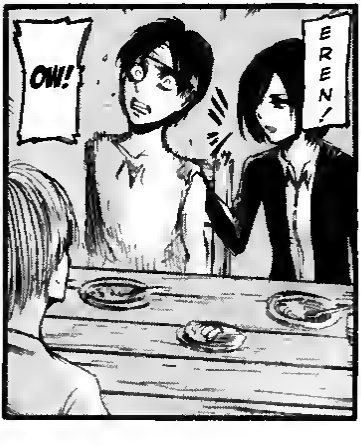

I HEAR HE ALMOST KILLED HIMSELF ON BASIC POSITION CONTROL TRAINING.
SERIOUSLY..? CAN'T IMAGINE HOW SOMEONE COULD FAIL AT *THAT*...

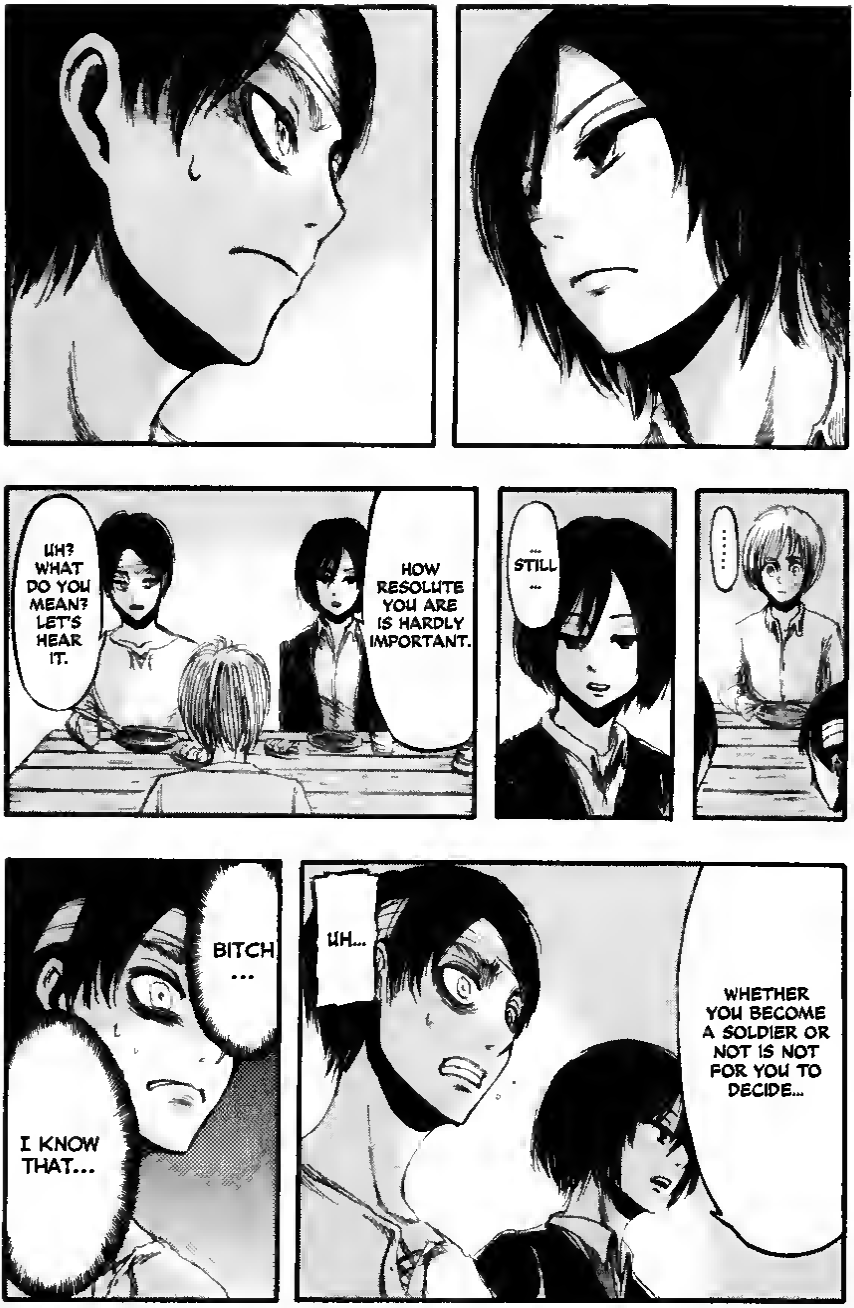
HEY... AIN'T THAT THE GUY FROM LAST NIGHT..?
HE WAS LIKE, "I'M GONNA SLAUGHTER THEM TITANS TO THE LAST", WASN'T HE?


OW!
EREN!

IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN AFFORD TO WASTE FOOD ON THE USELESS.
EREN.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS GUY, FOR HIM TO WANT TO WIPE 'EM TITANS OUT?
EREN.
BEATS ME... THEY'RE GONNA KICK HIM OUT EVENTUALLY, AT THIS RATE.

.....
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU SHOULD EAT IN ORDER TO RECOVER FROM YOUR BLOODLOSS.
IF YOU PULL IT OFF TOMORROW EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY.
WORRYING ABOUT IT WON'T MAKE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE, YOU KNOW
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH THEM IN THOSE CONDITIONS ..?
THIS IS PATHETIC...
COME ON ALREADY IT'S NO USE LOSING SLEEP OVER IT FOR NOW.
I WON'T... I WON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF...
... WHAT IF...
WHAT IF I CAN'T PULL IT OFF TOMORROW ..?
HUH ?!
EH?
...ABOUT THE WHOLE EXTERMINATION THING.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST FORGET...

IF YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS, WELL THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS.
IF YOU CAN BARELY PULL YOUR WEIGHT, THE ONLY THING YOU'LL MANAGE IS TO DIE POINT-LESSLY.
ALL YOUR DREAMS AND EFFORTS WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NAUGHT.
SAY WHAT ..?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SOLDIER IS WHAT I'M SAYING
SUPPORTING HUMANKIND AS A MANU-FACTURER IS ALSO AN OPTION.
WHA...
FIGHTING IS NOT JUST ABOUT TOSSING YOUR LIFE OUT THE WINDOW.
WHAT... WHAT THE EFF...
I TRUST I NEEDN'T REMIND YOU OF WHAT I SAW ON THAT DAY..?
AND YOU THINK YOUR LITTLE ARGUMENT IS GONNA CONVINCE ME?


UH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? LET'S HEAR IT.
HOW RESOLUTE YOU ARE IS HARDLY IMPORTANT.
... STILL ...
.....
BITCH ...
I KNOW THAT...
UH...
WHETHER YOU BECOME A SOLDIER OR NOT IS NOT FOR YOU TO DECIDE...

YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH TELLING ME TO SHUT THE HELL UP...
IT'S ONLY LOGICAL... I GOT NO WAY TO ARGUE AGAINST THAT FOR THE MOMENT.
TRUE ENOUGH, I SHOULDN'T EVEN THINK OF IT SO LONG AS I CAN'T EVEN PULL THAT TRICK OFF...
EH, MISS I-CAN-DO-WHATEVER-LIKE-IT'S-NO-ONE'S-BUSINESS!
SO...
YUP...
LET'S GO, ARMIN.
I'M NOT SAYING... YOU'D BE THE ONLY ONE GOING BACK TO THE LAND-FILLS...
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE GOING TOO...
...YOU SHOULD NOT LET IT TROUBLE YOU.

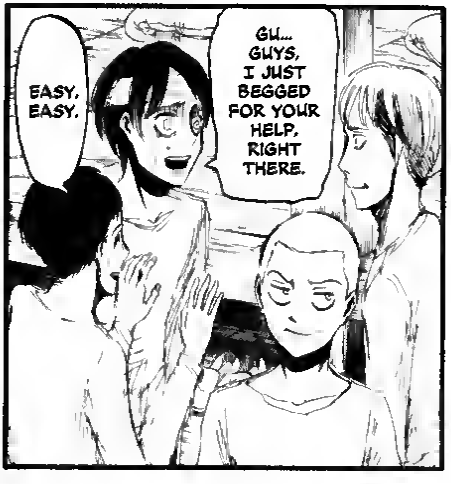
HM?
PARDON?
WHAT YOU MEAN?
I CAN HAVE THAT IF I WANT, YOU SAY?

WHAT HAPPENED TO TAKING CARE OF ME AND CHRISTA'S PART OF THAT WATER-DRAWING CHORE?
YE-YES!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING EH, SASHA?
.....
YOU CAN'T DO THAT. STOP IT...
SURELY YOU DON'T VALUE THAT LIFE OF YOURS WE RESCUED SO LIGHTLY.
YE-YES, RIGHT AWAY, MY SAVIOR. MY GOD... HEHEHE.

A HINT?
SORRY BRO... BUT I'M A GENIUS, Y'SEE.
ASIDE FROM "FEEL IT" THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN TELL YOU.

ME ON THE CONTRARY, I WOULDN'T MIND TAKING A FEW LESSONS...
...IN THE ART OF NOT GOING BONKERS AFTER BEING CAUGHT IN SUCH AN EMBARRASSING POSITION...

OTHER THAN CONNY AND JEAN, THOSE TWO OVER THERE WERE DEEMED PRETTY GOOD AT IT.
IF MEMORY SERVES...


GU... GUYS, I JUST BEGGED FOR YOUR HELP, RIGHT THERE.
EASY, EASY.

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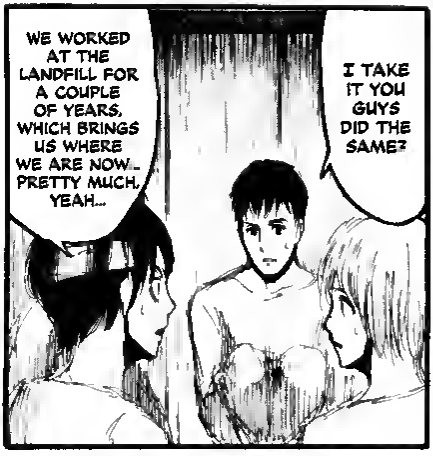
UUUUHM... A HINT ABOUT POSITION CONTROL, UH...
REINER...
BERT-HOLD...
I HEARD YOU TWO WERE GREAT AT THIS.
PLEASE!

ALL WE CAN DO IS BANK ON THINGS TURNING OUT OKAY TOMOR-ROW...
I SEE ...
.....
NO USEFUL ADVICE TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR HOPES UP, I'M AFRAID.
.....
SORRY, BRO... BUT I CAN'T THINK OF A TRICK THAT INVOLVES BEING SUSPENDED.
YES... YES WE ARE...
YOU GUYS ARE FROM THE INFAMOUS SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, AREN'T YOU?
SO... WHY DO YOU STILL WANT TO BECOME SOLDIERS?
THEN... YOU SHOULD KNOW FIRSTHAND JUST HOW SCARY THOSE TITANS ARE

AS FOR WHY I DIDN'T REMAIN ON THE LANDFILL...
IT'S NOT LIKE... I GOT TO FACE THE TITAN THREAT UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL.
EERM...
I'M PHYSICALLY WEAK AND NONE TOO CONFIDENT, SO I CAN'T QUITE IMAGINE... HOW I COULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING...
I COULDN'T JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH AS THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT ENFORCED THAT OUTRAGEOUS RECOVERY OPERATION...
...IT'S TO STAND THERE AND DO NOTHING.
BUT IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T DO...
...WHERE ARE YOU GUYS FROM?
IF YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING...
THE SAME MORE OR LESS GOES FOR ME TOO...
I-I SEE...

REINER AND I...
...COME FROM A VILLAGE IN THE MOUNTAINS, SOUTHEAST OF WALL MARIA...
.....
YOU SAID IT... UNLIKE THAT PROSPEROUS TOWN ALONGSIDE THE RIVER, WE WEREN'T INFORMED IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE WALL WAS BROKEN.
WHATEVER THE CASE, THE TITANS GOT THERE BEFORE THE INFORMATION DID.
UH?! BUT THAT'S ...
...!!
IT WAS DAWN... THE LIVESTOCK WAS MAKING SUCH A RUCKUS, IT WAS AS IF HELL HAD BROKEN LOOSE
AND THE GROUND WAS RESONATING IN KIND. INCREASINGLY LOUDER. AND IN A WAY THAT WAS UNFAMILIAR...
BY THE TIME I'D FIGURED OUT THOSE WERE FOOTSTEPS, AND OPENED MY WINDOW TO LOOK...

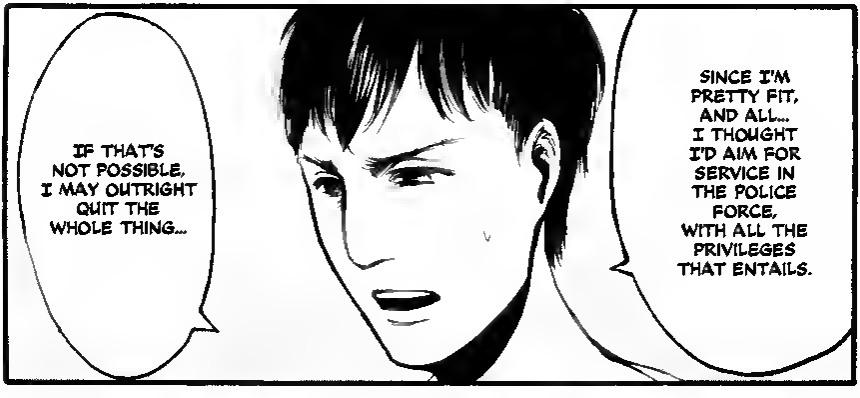

WE WORKED AT THE LANDFILL FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, WHICH BRINGS US WHERE WE ARE NOW... PRETTY MUCH, YEAH...
I TAKE IT YOU GUYS DID THE SAME?

AFTER THAT... I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH... IT WAS PANDEMONIUM OUT THERE. FOR EVERY-ONE.
WE TOOK OUR HORSES AND FLED ALL THE WAY TO WALL SHINA.

...YOU AREN'T QUITE LIKE THOSE OTHER GUYS, ARE YOU?
WHAT, GUYS?
JEEZ... WHAT POSSESSED YOU TO START BLURTING OUT THAT STORY LIKE THAT?
SO... SORRY ...
UHMM... WELL, WHAT I MEANT TO SAY IS THAT...
ALL OF THEM OUT THERE WHO CAME HERE, IGNORANT OF THE DREAD THING THAT IS A TITAN.
THEY'RE HERE MOSTLY TO UPHOLD SOCIETY'S EXPECTATIONS OF THEM...
BY NOW, THOSE WHO TURN TO MANUFACTURING WHEN THEY HIT THEIR 12TH YEAR ARE REGARDED AS SPINELESS COWARDS...
...SINCE AFTER THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, PUBLIC OPINION DID A TOTAL 180 DEGREES. SO THEY GO WITH THE FLOW, AND BECOME SOLDIERS IN TRAINING.
BUT EVEN THEN, THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY EAGER TO JOIN THE SCOUTING LEGION. MORE LIKE THE POLICE FORCE. AND IF THAT'S NOT AN OPTION, THEN THE STATIONNARY TROOPS, IN THE HOPES OF BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE POLICE FORCE FROM THERE...

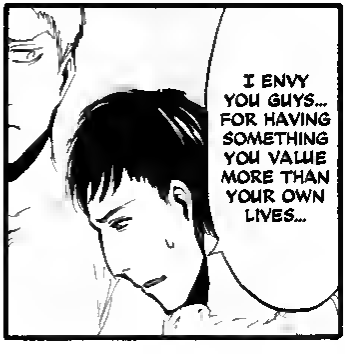
EH?

I'M AS MUCH OF A COWARD AS THEY ARE.

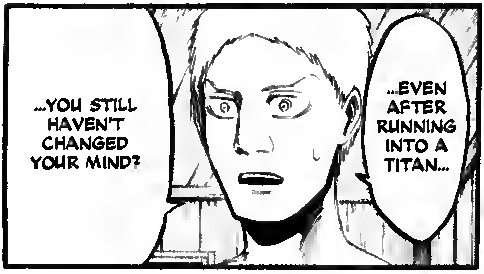

SINCE I'M PRETTY FIT, AND ALL... I THOUGHT I'D AIM FOR SERVICE IN THE POLICE FORCE, WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES THAT ENTAILS.
IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, I MAY OUTRIGHT QUIT THE WHOLE THING...

I HAVE ...
...NO WILL OF MY OWN.

CON-SIDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...
...IT'S HARDLY SURPRISING THAT YOU'D VALUE YOUR OWN LIFE, RIGHT?


I ENVY YOU GUYS... FOR HAVING SOMETHING YOU VALUE MORE THAN YOUR OWN LIVES...

I MAY HAVE WANTED TO JOIN THE SCOUTING LEGION EVEN BEFORE THE WALL WAS BROKEN...
...BUT TO THINK LIKE THAT YOU'D HAVE TO BE TOUCHED IN THE HEAD...
SO I GUESS THAT MAKES *ME* THE FREAK.

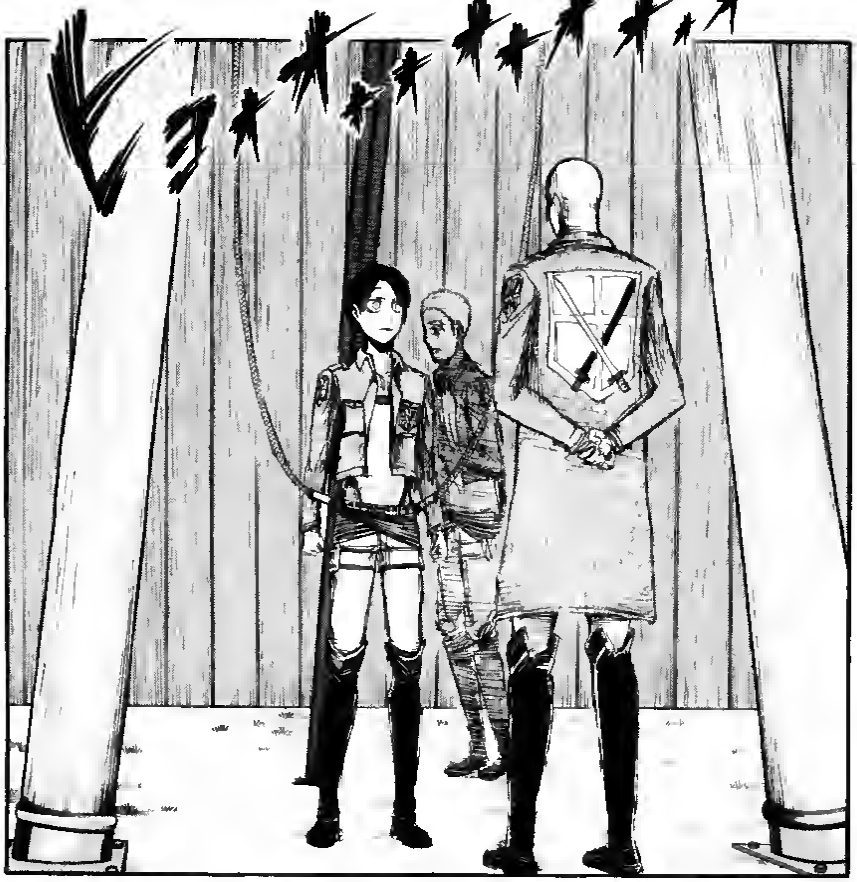


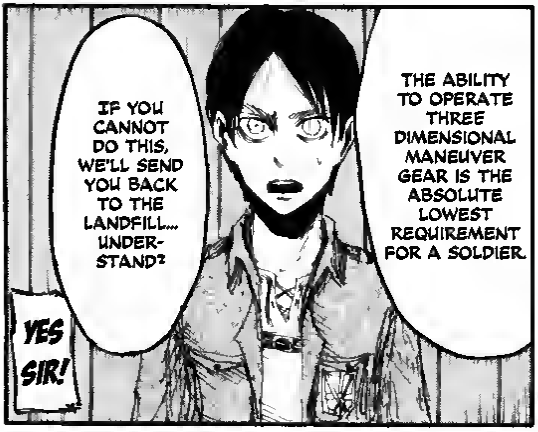
WE... WELL, NOW THAT WE COME DOWN TO IT, IT'S MORE ABOUT WHETHER I CAN BECOME A SOLDIER AT ALL...
I'VE BEEN TAUGHT A MIGHTY LESSON IN FEAR ALRIGHT...

TN: IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR A WHILE NOW BUT IN JAPANESE, EREN'S WAY OF SAYING "TO THE LAST" "一匹残らず" (IPPIKI NOKORAZU), USES "IPPIKI" (一匹), WHICH IS A COUNTER FOR SMALL ANIMALS AND BUGS INSTEAD OF THE MORE APPROPRIATE "ITTOU" (一頭), WHICH COVERS THE BIG ONES. THIS IS A MEANS TO CONVEY HIS SCORN.

ME TOO...
I GOT SOMETHING TOO. SOMETHING I'LL NEVER DEVIATE FROM...
THERE'S NO MORE GOING BACK. BUT I STILL WANNA SEE MY HOMETOWN AGAIN.
THAT IS ALL I AM ABOUT...

SURE ...
I'LL DO IT... NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.
TOMORROW THINGS SHOULD WORK OUT OKAY...
...
CHECK OUT YOUR BELT AGAIN. MAKE SURE IT'S WELL-ADJUSTED.
YEAH. THANKS A BUNCH ...
REINER BRAUN, RIGHT?
YOU HAVE IT IN YOU, OF THAT I'M CERTAIN.
EREN JAEGER, WAS IT?



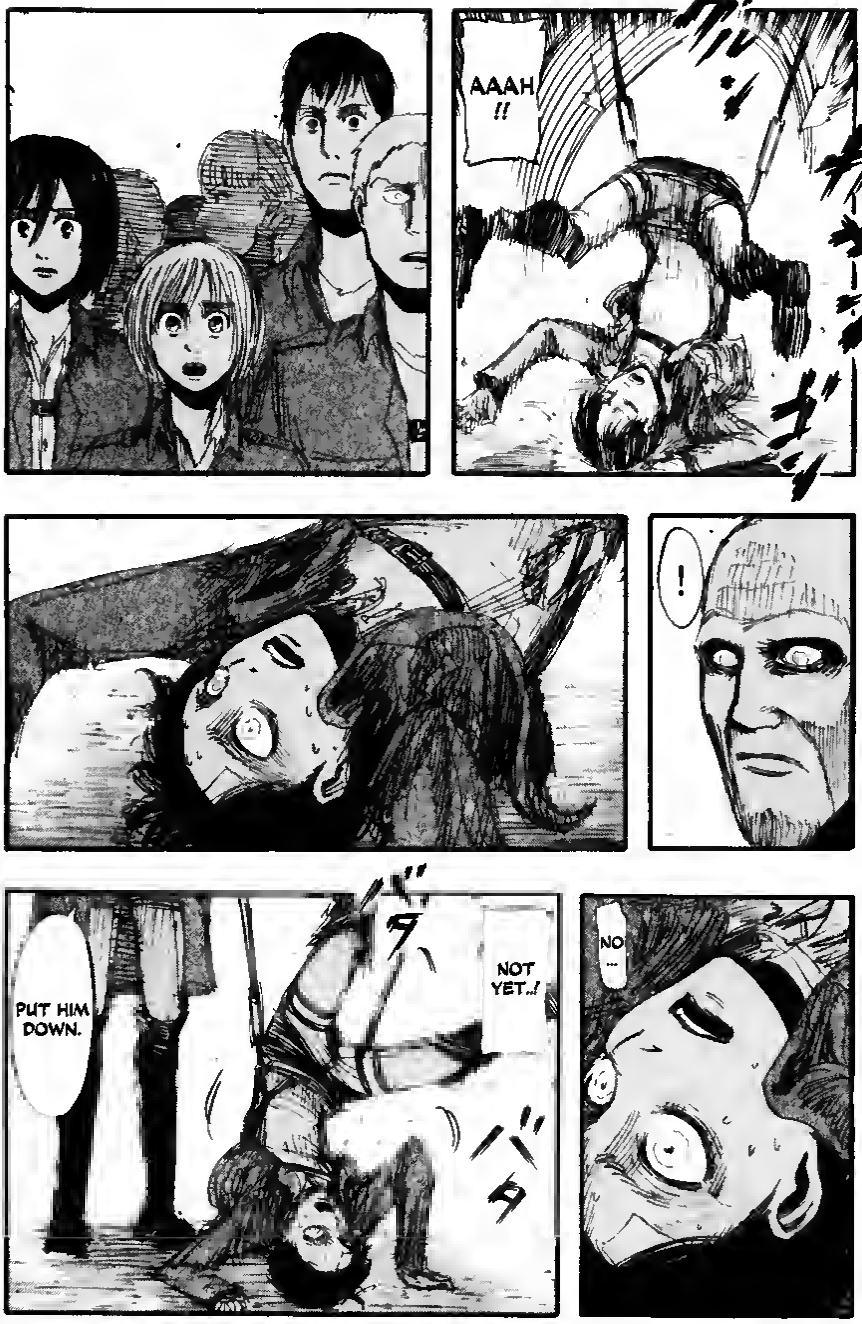

THE ABILITY TO OPERATE THREE DIMENSIONAL MANEUVER GEAR IS THE ABSOLUTE LOWEST REQUIREMENT FOR A SOLDIER.
IF YOU CANNOT DO THIS, WE'LL SEND YOU BACK TO THE LANDFILL... UNDERSTAND?
YES SIR!

EREN JAEGER...
...ARE YOU READY?

I MIGHT HAVE NO APTITUDE FOR THIS, BUT STILL ...
I'LL DO THIS OR DIE TRY-ING!
I'LL DO THIS!
BEGIN.
...WHEN IT COMES TO SHEER GUTS, I'M SECOND TO NO ONE!
BUT IT'S ALL I'VE GOT!
TO HELL WITH LOGIC!
IT MIGHT BE UTTERLY BASE-LESS!

AND IT IS MY WEAPON!

OOOH !!
I DID IT!!
HELL YEAH ...


AAAH !!
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NO ...
NOT YET..!
PUT HIM DOWN.

PUT HIM DOWN NOW.
I'M NOT ...!!
I-I'M STILL ...!!
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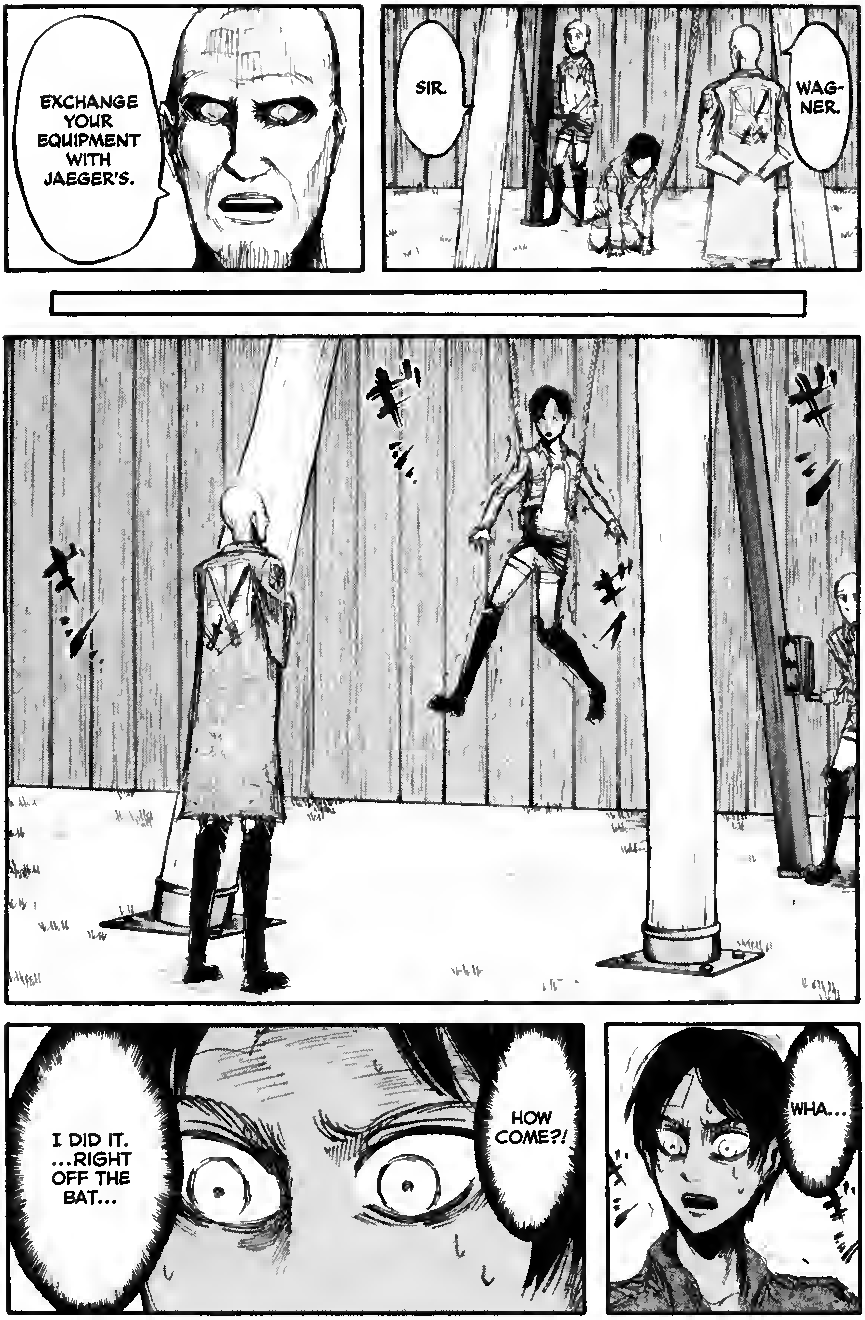
I'M NOT...


EXCHANGE YOUR EQUIPMENT WITH JAEGER'S.
SIR.
WAG-NER.
I DID IT. ...RIGHT OFF THE BAT...
HOW COME?!
WHA...

NORMALLY IT GOES UP TO THE WAIST, SO THAT EVEN IF YOU'RE OVERTURNED, YOUR HEAD SHOULDN'T HIT THE GROUND.
THE METALLIC FIXTURES ON YOUR BELT WERE DAMAGED.
FAULTY MAT-ERIAL.
WHAT ON EARTH ...
WHAT THE..!
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO GET YOURSELF SOME NEW, PROPER GEAR.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HEAR SUCH A THING. I NEVER KNEW THOSE BITS COULD BE DAMAGED.
UH?
NO PROBLEM... TRAIN HARD.
.....
WHAT ABOUT MY MIL-ITARY APT-ITUDE..?
THE-THEN...

HELL YEAH!
WHADDAYA THINK, MIKASA?!
I DID IT!
...!
NOW YOU CAN'T BE A FRICKIN' PAIN IN THE BUM TO ME ANYMORE!!
I CAN DO THIS!
I CAN FIGHT 'EM TITANS!!

HE'S THINKING ABOUT HOW HE WON'T HAVE TO STAY CLOSE TO ME ANYMORE, AND IT MAKES HIM HAPPY...
IT ISN'T.
IF THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE IS NOT TRIUMPH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS.
LOOKS LIKE THE MIRACLE HAPPENED...
BUT... STILL...
HE DOESN'T LOOK PARTICULARLY SKILLED, BUT...
...AND I'M NOT SO SURE ANOTHER WOULD HAVE DONE IT...
FOR A MOMENT, HE ACTUALLY MANAGED TO MAINTAIN HIS POSTURE WITH THIS DEFECTIVE MATERIAL...
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...HAS BECOME A SOLDIER.
GRISHA... TODAY, YOUR SON...

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8.
PRACTICING WITH THREE DIMENSIONAL MANEUVER GEAR.

PRACTICING WITH THREE DIMENSIONAL GEAR IS A DEMANDING, UNFORGIVING AFFAIR. HUMANS ARE CREATURES USED TO MOVE IN TWO DIMENSIONS, AND THIS TRAINING INVOLVES ACCOMMODATING THEM TO A THIRD ONE.
PHYSICAL STRENGTH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, ESPECIALLY IN THE LOWER BODY. ANTI-G CAPACITY (FEMALES ARE PARTICULARLY GOOD AT THIS) AND A GOOD PERCEPTION OF SPACE COME A CLOSE SECOND, HOWEVER.
IT TAKES ABOVE-AVERAGE WILLPOWER, ESPECIALLY TO AVOID PANICKING UPON SUDDENLY REALIZING THAT ONE IS IN MIDAIR.
TO THAT END, THEY'LL PERFORM ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BUNGEE JUMPING, APPARATUS GYMNASTICS, ON TOP OF WHICH THE INSTRUCTORS MIGHT DELIBERATELY CUT OFF THEIR LIFELINES TO TEST THEIR REACTIONS (IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, A "SURPRISE ATTACK" OF SORTS).
THIS TRAINING IS HARDLY ANYONE'S DEFINITION OF SAFE, BUT THOSE WHO DIE WHILE UNDERTAKING IT WOULD HAVE STOOD NO CHANCE IN FRONT OF A TITAN ANYWAY.
THEREFORE, THOSE WHO DO COMPLETE IT ACHIEVE STRONG MORALE AND GREAT SELF-CONFIDENCE.

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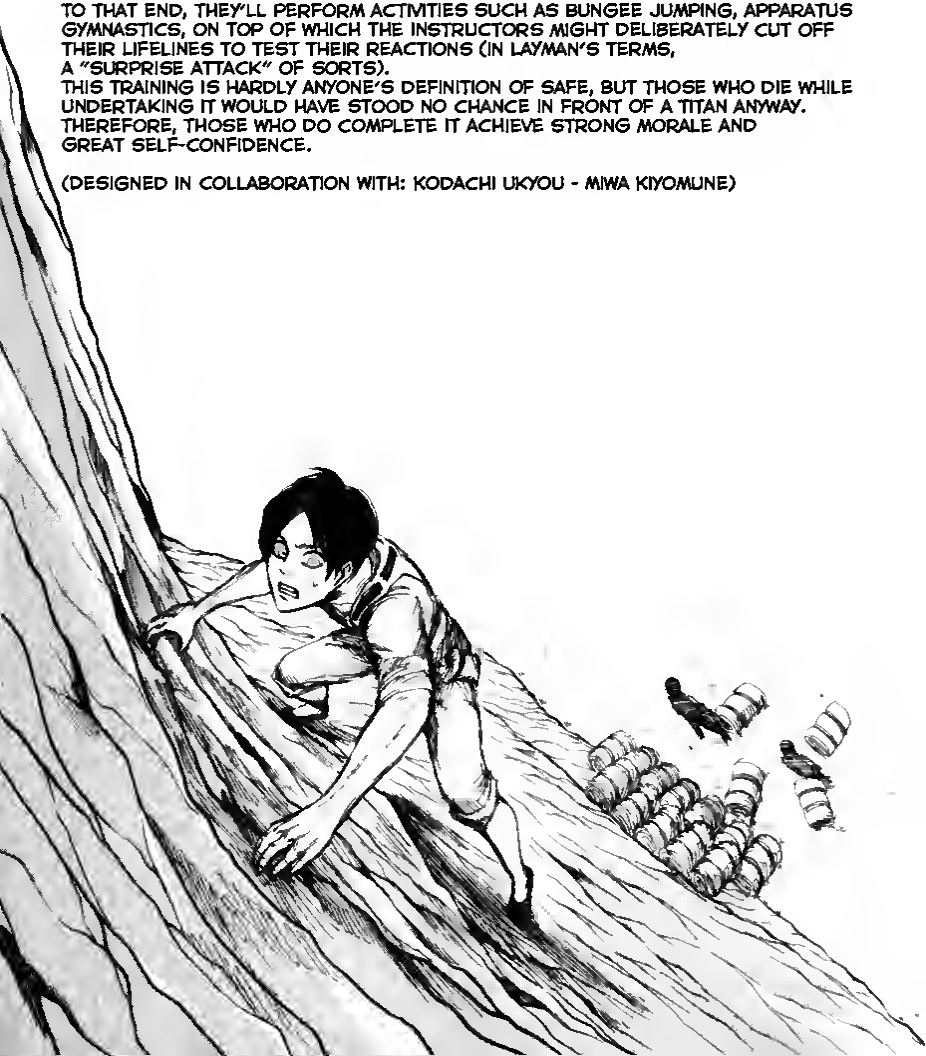

HUMPH!!

-TWO YEARS AFTER THEIR RECRUITMENT-
YOU'RE PRETTY DAMN FAMILIAR WITH BRAWLING, AREN'T YOU?
SORRY.. I'M NOT SO GOOD AT HOLDING BACK.
JEEZ... HOW CAN YOU TOSS AROUND A BIG GUY LIKE ME..?
OOOWW... NEXT TIME, YOU DO THE BAD GUY.
SOLDIERS FIGHTING OTHER PEOPLE? I'D HATE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN.
THAT SAID... WHAT'S THIS TRAINING ABOUT?
UH-HUH...
I MEAN, ONLY AN IDIOT WOULD DEAL WITH HIS MARK WITHOUT A WEAPON IN THE FIRST PLACE.
DON'T LET THE INST-RUCTOR HEAR YOU...
WHEN I WAS IN TOWN, THERE WAS THAT CRAZY BIG KID BULLY, I USED TO PLAY WITH...

IF THAT HAND TO HAND MOVE DOES WORK AT ALL... THAT JUST MEANS YOU'VE BEEN LUCKY.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. AND THAT WOODEN KNIFE DOESN'T HELP.
THAT'S IRRES-PONS-IBLE...
RUN FOR IT OF COURSE.
THEN WHAT DO YOU DO?
...IF IT FAILS NINE TIMES OUT OF TEN YOU GO BYE-BYE.
IN REAL LIFE...

...
IT ISN'T SOME CHILD'S PLAY...
I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.
BUT YOU SEE... I THINK THAT'S AN ALL THE MORE IRRESPONSIBLE THING TO DO.
.....
WE'RE SOLDIERS, ARE WE NOT?
WHEN SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO PROTECT IS THREATENED, YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO STEP IN AND DEFEND IT.
SOMETIMES, YOU JUST CAN'T BACK OUT. NO MATTER HOW BAD YOUR CHANCES.

A SOLDIER'S RESPONSIBILITY...
...IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STRONG.
THAT, IN MY OPINION...
WE MUST STAND READY TO USE FORCE, BE IT A CANNON, OR HAND TO HAND COMBAT. AND THIS, NO MATTER THE FOE.
JUST AS I DID THAT ONE TIME ...
I'M JUST A KID WHO KNOWS NOTHING EXCEPT LETTING OUT HIS OWN FEELINGS...
THE ONLY CHILD HERE ...
...IS ME.
...
HM?
HM ?
HEY... CHECK THAT OUT...
I NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED... THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT CAME WITH POWER.
LET'S GET BACK TO TRAINING.
UGH... LISTEN TO ME BEING A PREACHY SMART-ASS...

...
I SUGGEST WE TEACH HER A THING OR TWO ABOUT KNIFE FIGHTING.
UH?
ALL RIGHT, EREN.
SHE'S GOOD AT AVOIDING THE INSTRUCTOR. SHE IS. HE HASN'T BUSTED HER LAZY SLACKER'S ASS YET.
AAH... ANNIE, YOU MEAN ...
LET US TEACH HER... WHAT BEING A SOLDIER'S ALL ABOUT.
TIME FOR ANOTHER SERMON. TO THE DILETTANTE, THIS TIME.
.....

...REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN YOU CAME HERE, AND PUT YOUR SERIOUS HAT ON.
IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET EVEN SHORTER THAN YOU ALREADY ARE...
DON'T FANCY THE INSTRUCTOR'S HEADBUTT, DO YA?
AH...!
...
UH? MAN, WHAT KIND OF PRETEXT IS THAT ..?
C'MON! LET'S GET STARTED, EREN!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT SHE LOOKED SCARY... BUT IT'S NOTHING NEXT TO WHEN SHE GETS REALLY ANGRY...
SHE'S MAD ALL RIGHT ...

ANNIE?
!
YOU DO KNOW HOW IT'S DONE, DON'T YOU?
THIS IS FORMAL TRAINING AGAINST BLADED WEAPONS, REMEMBER?
HERE GOES!

ICK?!
!!

WHH...
WHAT THE...
I GOT... KICKED IN THE LEG?
CAN I GO, NOW?
OOOWW...
WE'RE NOT DONE YET! THE DRILL CONTINUES UNTIL YOU CAN RETRIEVE THE KNIFE!
...HEY THERE!! NOT SO FAST!
.....
WAI..!!
WAIT, ANNIE!!
THERE'S A WAY TO GO ABOUT THIS, I'M TELLING YOU!
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NGAH
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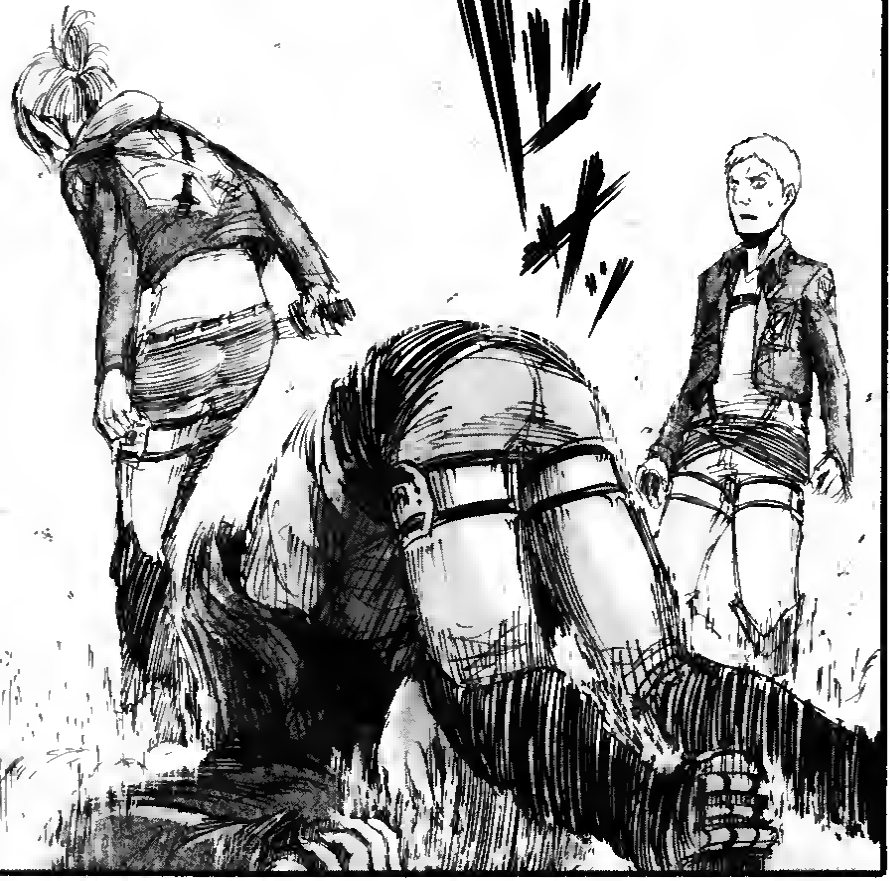
UNH!!



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NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO ATTACK ME.
DO IT, REINER!
I...
WE... WELL...
.....
AND THIS IS ONE OF THEM.
YEAH.. SOME SITU-ATIONS A SOLDIER CAN'T WALK OUT OF.
YOU TAUGHT ME THAT, DIDN'T YOU?!
IT'S YOUR RESPON-SIBLITY... AS A SOLDIER...
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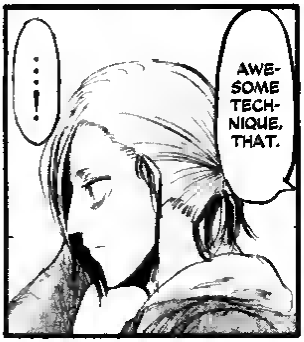
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AWE-SOME TECH-NIQUE, THAT.

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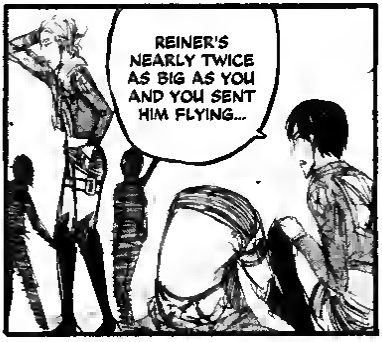
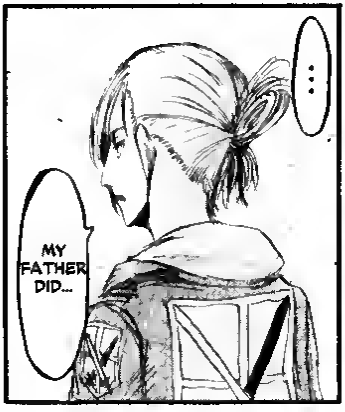

REINER'S NEARLY TWICE AS BIG AS YOU AND YOU SENT HIM FLYING...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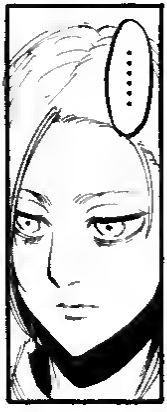
MY FATHER DID...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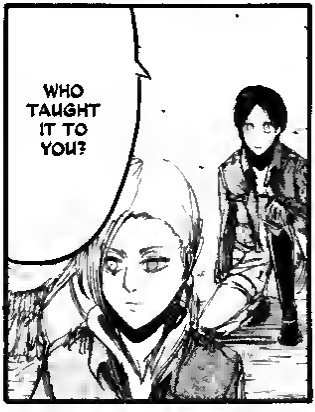
WHO TAUGHT IT TO YOU?

IT'S NOT LIKE WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS GONNA SERVE ANY PURPOSE.
UH?
DOES IT MATTER ..?
.....
DID YOUR FATHER CREATE THAT MOVE?
YOU MEAN THIS TRAINING? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT..?
.....
THOSE WHO ARE DEAD SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR APPLICATION FOR INLAND SERVICE, LIKE MYSELF, DON'T SWEAT IT OVER THAT SORT OF THING...
CLOSE COMBAT AGAINST PEOPLE WON'T AWARD YOU ANY CREDIT.

THOSE WHO ARE STUPID, PLAIN AND SIMPLE ...
THEN, THERE ARE THOSE LIKE YOURSELVES, WHOSE HONESTY PUSHES INTO STUPID TERRITORY.
THEY USE IT TO GET A REPRIEVE FROM THE GRUELING PRACTICE.
OH CRAP! THE INSTR-UCTOR.
AH...
!!
ANYWAY... THE THREE DIMENSIONAL MANEUVER IS WHERE YOU SCORE THE MOST, SO THERE'S NO POINT IN DOING SOMETHING ELSE.
CAUSE THE REST IS NOT ABOUT BECOMING A FULL-FLEDGED SOLDIER, BUT CLAIMING THE PRIVILEGES OF THE INLAND.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE POINT OF SUCH A FARCE?
BECAUSE IN THIS WORLD, THE GREATER YOUR APTITUDE TO DEAL WITH THE TITANS IS, THE FARTHER YOU'RE ABLE TO GET AWAY FROM THEM.
...WELL ...
!
...I WOULDN'T KNOW!
!
!
WHOA !!
UNH...!
HUMAN NATURE. HOW'S THAT FOR AN EXPLAN-ATION?

AS A CHILD, I KNEW DEEP DOWN HOW WORTHLESS THOSE TECHNIQUES WERE... BUT I WAS FORCED TO LEARN THEM ANYWAY, AND I HAD NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER...
HIGH ON SOME RIDICULOUS PIPE DREAM OF AN IDEAL ...
MY DAD WAS JUST LIKE YOU GUYS...
NOT IN THAT PIECE OF SHIT WE CALL A WORLD.
...TO DERIVE AMUSEMENT FROM PLAYING AT BEING SOLDIERS.
I AM NO LONGER STUPID ENOUGH...
YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT CUT OUT TO BE A SOLDIER, EH...
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AT THIS POINT, YOU BREATHE OUT FORCE-FULLY, JUST FOR A SECOND.
THEN YOU MAKE USE OF THE INERTIA, AND YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH A MINIMAL ENERGY EXPENDITURE.
...
WELL... IT'S NOT THE SORT OF THING THAT CAN BE DONE BY JUST ANYONE, THOUGH.
EREN'S RIGHT. BEFORE THE DESTRUCTION OF WALL MARIA, ONLY THE SCOUTING LEGION HAD ANY REAL USE FOR THE THREE DIMENSIONAL MANEUVER.
SMALL WONDER IT WOULD DECLINE IN SUCH CONDITIONS
BY THE SAME TOKEN, TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF MAKING IT TO THE INLAND, YOU HAD NO CHOICE BUT NOT TO NEGLECT YOUR HAND TO HAND SKILL. AS FOR HOW THIS HASN'T CHANGED ONCE THE WALL WAS DESTROYED, IT'S BECAUSE THE FOLKS FROM THE INLAND CALL THE SHOTS, AND...

EREN, ARE YOU LISTENING?
YEAH, IT'S A FARCE ALRIGHT.
THEY'RE IMPROVING THEIR GODDAMN TITAN-KILLING SKILLS TO GET AWAY FROM THE TITANS.
IF THAT TREND KEEPS UP SOME-DAY...
OKAY, I KNOW I'M GOOD AT THAT MANEUVER THING...
...BUT DON'T GO ABOUT ADVERTISING IT TOO MUCH. I COULD DO WITHOUT ALL THE EXTRA RIVALS.
HEY ...
JEAN ...
WHAT IS IT, EREN?
TELL ME...
...DON'T YOU FIND IT FUNNY?
HONING YOUR TITAN-BUSTING TECHNIQUES IN AN EFFORT TO GET AS FAR AWAY FROM THEM AS YOU CAN, I MEAN.

THE SAME SILLINESS APPLIES TO ALL, EVEN A GUY LIKE ME.
BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS, SO YOU GOTTA DEAL WITH IT.
YEAH... YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.
.....
DON'T GET ALL BUTTHURT OVER YOUR OWN LACK OF TALENT!
YOU SLIMY PIECE OF SHIT!!
DON'T THEY EVER STOP..?
NOT AGAIN.
HERE WE GO AGAIN!

TELL ME, THEN!!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT THEM TITANS?!!
HOW, WHEN ALL THE COMPETENT PEOPLE GO LOCK THEMSELVES UP INSIDE..?
DON'T ASK ME, I WOULDN'T KNOW...
...I MEAN...
WUT??!
DON'T FUCK WITH ME, YOU LITTLE BITCH...!!

DICK !!
DON'T PULL SO HARD ON MY CLOTHES !!
YOU'RE GONNA RUIN THEM, DAMNIT!!
YOUR CLOTHES ?! WHO GIVES A CRAP ?!
I'D KILL JUST TO BE IN YOUR SHOES!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?
I SUGGEST YOU CUT THE CRAP NOW...
!
...THAT'S RIGHT...
HE IS...

...THE SAME GUY I WAS NOT SO LONG AGO...
...WEARING HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE.
NOW... I'M DIFFERENT.
NOW I'M...
...A SOLDIER!

I'M GONNA USE MY TECHNIQUE TO BRING THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.
OUCH! THAT HURT ..!
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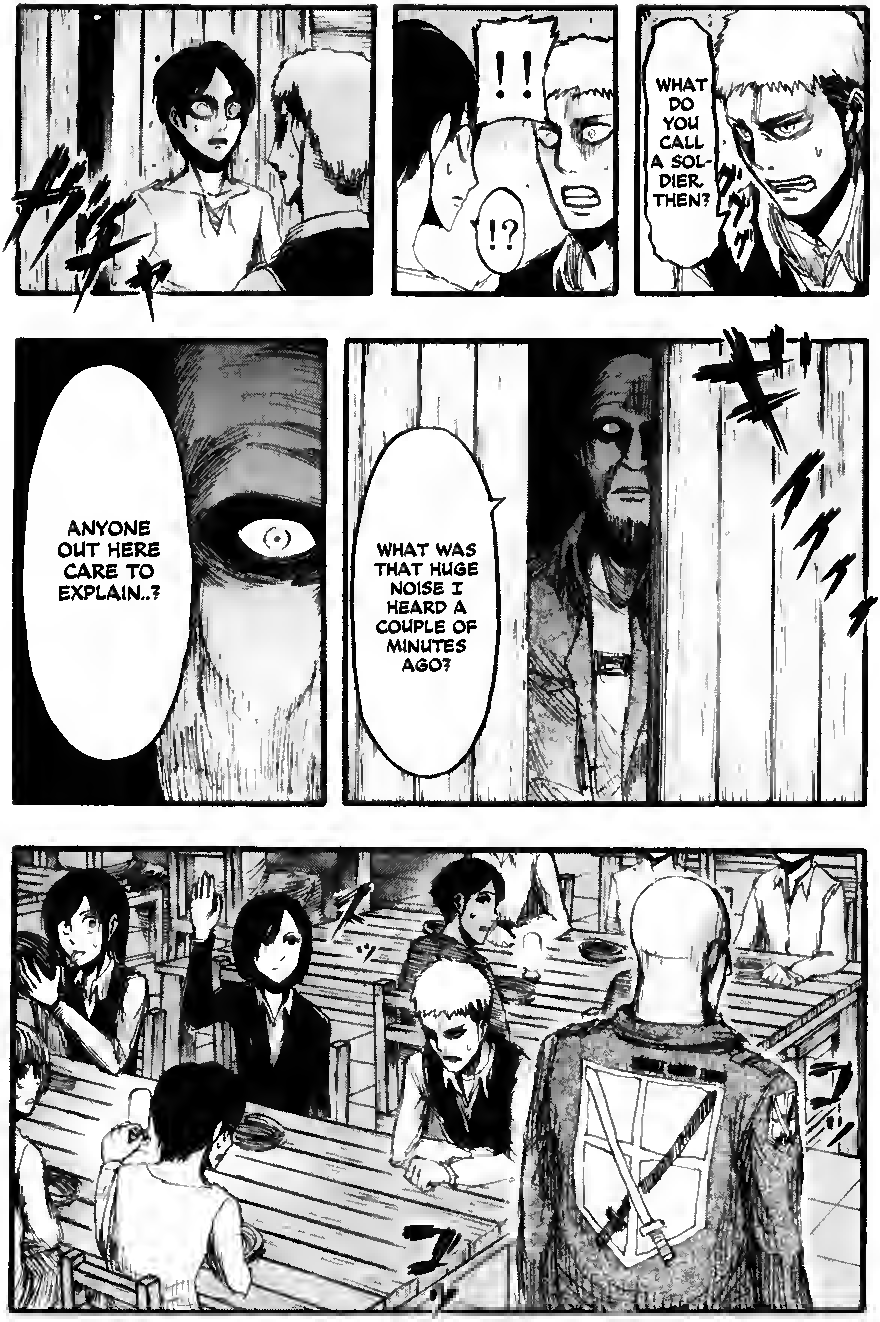
SFX. OOOOOOOOOH!

...WHILE YOU WERE OUT THERE CHILLING.
...IS A MARTIAL ART MOVE I WENT THROUGH HELL TO PICK UP...
THIS TRICK I JUST USED...
YOU PRICK!! WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?!
SOME-HOW...
AND YET...
A LIFE OF A LIFE SPENT IN INDOLENCE, FOLLOWING YOUR EVERY WHIM. THAT'S YOUR IDEA OF REALITY?
...YOU STILL DARE CALL YOUR-SELF A SOLDIER?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!?
WHAT DO YOU CALL A SOLDIER, THEN?
WHAT WAS THAT HUGE NOISE I HEARD A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO?
ANYONE OUT HERE CARE TO EXPLAIN..?

UUH ?!
THAT WAS JUST THE SOUND OF SASHA FARTING, SIR.
LEARN SOME SELF-RESTRAINT, WILL YOU.
!!
YOU AGAIN ...
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL, JEAN.
...
CAN'T SAY I'M HAPPY, THOUGH ...
WE'LL NEVER SETTLE THE SCORES, AT THIS RATE.
...AND THAT PETTY SCUFFLE WOULD HAVE COST YOU YOUR PLACE IN THE POLICE FORCE.
A LITTLE BIT MORE...

I KNOW A GOOD WAY WE CAN SORT THIS OUT.
BUT I CAN'T GET INTO A FIGHT AS LONG AS I'M PART OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT.
I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO RIP YOU A NEW ONE.
WE DO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO TRADE BLOWS OPENLY, DO WE NOT?

HEY, ANNIE?
...
HE JUST WANTS TO BE ABLE TO KICK THE CRAP OUT OF YOU.
NOT THAT HE'S INTENT ON BECOMING A GOOD SOLDIER OR ANYTHING...
...LOOKS LIKE IT...
IS IT ME... OR IS JEAN ACTUALLY EXERTING HIMSELF?
...HE'S SERIOUS ABOUT HIS CLOSE COMBAT TRAINING NOW.
YOU DON'T SAY...
STILL ...

GOOD GOING, ANNIE!
THAT'S MY LITTLE GIRL!!
HA...
BUT HEY, AM I A GOOD KICKER OR WHAT?
I PICKED IT UP FROM WATCHING YOU AT IT BUT IT WORKED OUT GREAT, I'LL SAY.
THAT WAS HOPE-LESS.
A COMPLETE TRAIN-WRECK.
WHY...
WHERE DID I GET IT WRONG?
.....
IF YOU LIKE THAT TECHNIQUE SO MUCH...
...MAYBE I CAN TEACH IT TO YOU?

UH? THANKS, BUT I'LL PASS.
THOSE KICKS IN THE LEGS HURT, YOU KNOW.
COME ON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK ONE BIT.

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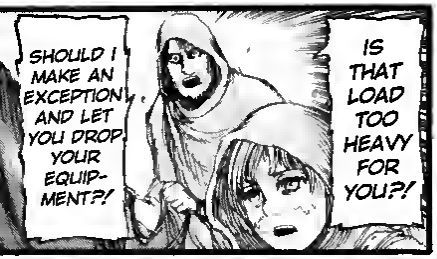
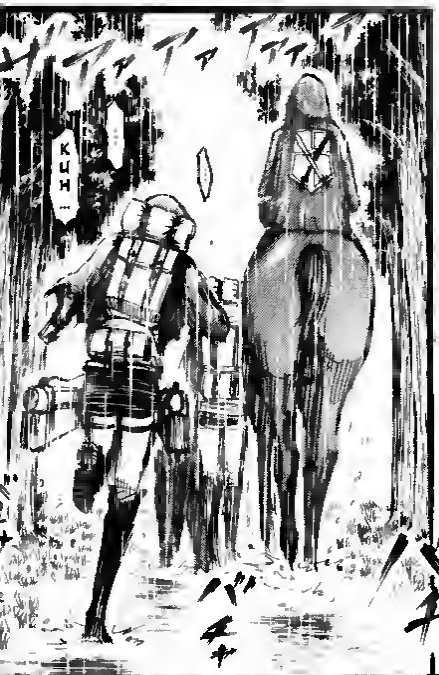
9.ULTRA-HARDENED STEEL.

A MATERIAL CREATED EXCLUSIVELY IN INDUSTRIAL TOWNS.

IT COMBINES SOLIDITY WITH FLEXIBILITY, WHICH MAKES IT
THE ONLY MATERIAL TO DATE THAT IS ABLE TO CUT INTO TITAN FLESH.

CHAPTER 18 - NOW, WHAT IS TO BE DONE?





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GIVE ME THAT, ARMIN!
REINER...
DA...
DAMNIT...
HA...
NOW, BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND!
IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM TO FIND OUT, JUST GET CRACKING!
THEY'RE GONNA FAIL YOU TOO...
IF YOU DO THAT...
IF YOU KEEP UP LIKE THAT YOU'LL FAIL.
MOST ADEPT AT GAINING THE TRUST OF HIS COMRADES.
REINER BRAUN. STRONG-WILLED, WITH A SOLID CONST-ITUTION.
...

WHAT THE?! HEY?!
I'D RA-THER DIE THAN HAVE IT THIS WAY.
THIS IS JUST SOME LUGG-AGE.
.....
...BUT ALLEGEDLY A GENIUS WHEN IT COMES TO THEORETICAL COURSES.
ARMIN ARLELT. SUBPAR PHYSICAL APTITUDE BY A SOLDIER'S STANDARDS ...
...THEN PROB-ABLY...
SHOULD HE EVER FIND HIS OWN NICHE...

DAM-
NIT!
ANNIE AND
BERTHOLD
AGAIN..

HOWEVER, HE LACKS IN SELF-CONFIDENCE, AND TENDS TO LEAVE IT TO OTHERS WHENEVER IT COMES TO SHOWING SOME ASSERTIVENESS.
BERTHOLD HUBER. HIGHLY PROFICIENT IN VARIOUS HAND TO HAND COMBAT STYLES... HE SEEMS TO HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL...
SHE'S A SOLITARY TYPE, AND SOLIDARITY DOESN'T COME TO HER EASILY.
ANNIE LEONHARDT. SHE STRIKES WITH A PERFECT PENETRATION ANGLE... HER BLOWS CARVE IN DEEP INTO THE TARGET.
GOTTA SPOT THE TITANS FIRST AND SCORE POINTS THAT WAY.
WELL THEN...
FORGET ABOUT CUTTING DEEP, I JUST CAN'T COMPETE...
IF I DON'T MAKE IT INTO THE POLICE, NO ONE WILL!
!

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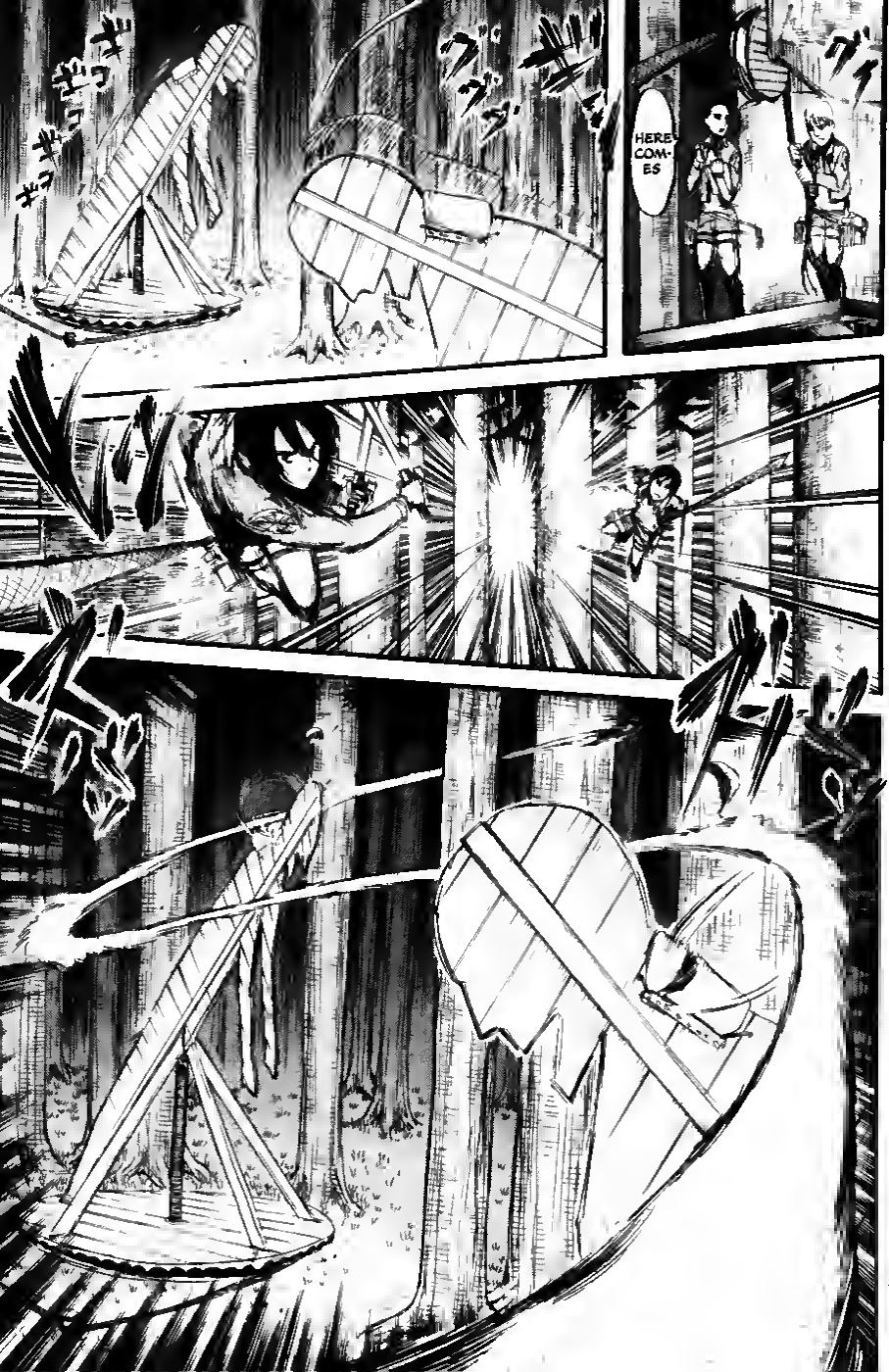
HERE IT IS...
HE'S ALSO GOOD AT ASSERTING HIS SITUATION AT ANY GIVEN TIME, BUT IS FAR TOO PROMPT TO UNSHEATHE HIS SWORD. HE IS ALSO PRONE TO SPARK CONFLICTS.
JEAN KIRSCHTEIN. HIGHLY COMPETENT AT THE THREE DIMENSIONAL MANEUVER, AND HIGHLY SKILLED AT USING IT EFFICIENTLY.
!?
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO...
FOLLOWING HIM WAS A GOOD IDEA.
ASS-HOLE...
CONNY!!

BUT HE'S SLOW TO THE UPTAKE, AND HIS GRASP OF STRATEGY IS OFTEN LESS THAN PERFECT.
CONNY SPRINGER. GOOD BALANCE. ESPECIALLY GOOD AT MAKING TIGHT TURNS.
THANKS A BUNCH, JEAN!
!?
WHA ...
SA- SHA !!
YA AA AY !!

I'VE BEEN TAILING YOU FROM ABOVE, CONNY! AND IT WAS WORTH IT!
BLO- ODY HELL!
SASHA BRAUS, LIGHTNING FAST, WITH AN UNCANNY INTUITION.
BUT HER ECCENTRICITY MAKES HER UNFIT FOR GROUP OPERATIONS.
YOU HEAR THAT, SASHA! STOP FOLL- OWING US!
DAMNIT! GO FOLLOW SOMEONE ELSE!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HERE COM-ES

MIKASA ACKERMAN. A PRODIGY WHO EXCELS IN THE MOST DIFFICULT COURSES.
SHE'S AN UNPRE-CEDENTED GENIUS, DESERVING NOTHING SHORT OF TOP GRADES.
EREN JAEGER. NO PARTICULAR TALENT ASIDE FROM HIS EXCELLENT CLOSE COMBAT SKILLS.
BUT HE'S BEEN SLOWLY BUT STEADILY IMPROVING HIS GRADES THROUGH OUTSTANDING EFFORT, AND HIS SENSE OF PURPOSE IS STRONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE'S.
HUMPH !!

HGH...
THAT WAS LOW, FOLKS
I'D SPOTTED THAT TARGET BEFORE YOU, I DID...
?
LOW, YOU SAY?
WHAT A HALF BAKED THING TO SAY, JEAN.
SINCE WHEN DOES ONE NEED TO SHOW MANNERS WHEN STEALING SOMEONE'S PREY?

OH, WELL... WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL EVERYONE MADE IT THROUGH THE EXAM WITHOUT A SCRATCH.
SHEESH... YOUR LOGIC OF HUNTING YOKELS MAKES NO SENSE TO ME!
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR HAVING IT STOLEN.
YOU'VE BEEN FINDING THEM TARGETS FIRST, BUT THEN YOU'D LIKE, LEAVE THEM TO SOMEONE ELSE...
HEY, MARCO ?
.....
YEAH ...
YOU NEED TO SCORE GOOD, DON'T YOU?
DON'T YOU WANNA ENTER THE POLICE FORCE?
BUT NO MATTER WHAT... I CAN'T HELP BUT CONSIDERING A REAL BATTLE SITUATION.
TO IMPROVE ONE ANOTHER'S SKILL WE NEED TO COMPETE I BELIEVE.

I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO IT.
TO THINK I WANT TO JOIN THE POLICE FORCE...
THOUGH IT WAS KINDA POINTLESS SEEING AS THIS TEST WAS ABOUT MEASURING OUR OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY...
AS IN, SINCE I'M THE SLOWEST AND ALL, I SHOULD DRAW THE TITANS' ATTENTION WHILE THE REST STRIKE AT THEM FROM BEHIND.
UH?
I SEE... YOU'RE WHAT ONE MIGHT CALL A NATURAL LEADER.
I WON'T MIND JOINING A TEAM IF YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S RUNNING IT.
WHAT WITH THE EFFICIENT THINKING, THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL...
SOUNDS LIKE THE RIGHT JOB FOR YOU, EH?
IF YOU SAY SO...
IF...
SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD SURVIVAL PLAN.
I WANT IN YOUR TEAM TOO.

WAIT A MINUTE...
I DON'T WANNA BE IN THE SAME SQUAD AS SOME POINTLESSLY SUICIDAL ASSHOLE.
I WOULDN'T SURVIVE EVEN 10 SECONDS...
COUNT ME IN WITH MARCO, THEN. I COULD USE THE GOOD LUCK.
THE BATTLE PLANI-FICATION TRAINEES' SQUAD IN TROST, UH?
HERE WE GO AGAIN. JEAN AND HIS ROUNDABOUT DECLARATIONS OF LOVE...
?
MAKE A GUESS. I'M SURE YOU CAN FIND WHO I MEAN.
...YOU TALKING ABOUT SOMEONE IN PART-ICULAR?
TAKE IT EASY, YOU TWO.
...
UGH... I'M TIRED...
...YOU SHUT UP TOO, CONNY.
HEY, JEAN? I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE OUT THERE WHO GOES BY THE SAME "SOME SUICIDAL ASSHOLE"?
...I THOUGHT EVERY-BODY'D FOR-GOTTEN ABOUT THAT.
CAN IT, POTATO GIRL...
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COURAGE AIN'T NO QUALITY OF MINE.
ME? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
I THINK YOU'D MAKE A BETTER LEADER, JEAN.
WELL...
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?
DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY...
BUT YOU...

...
HEY
...

IS THAT... YOU..?
MARCO ...

TRAINEE. DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?
.....
I THOUGH I HADN'T SEEN MUCH OF HIM...
BUT...
HIM OF ALL PEOPLE ...
THAT IS JUST IN-SANE ...
... MAR-CO...
WHAT HAPP-ENED?
SOMEBODY ...
... ANY-BODY ...
ANYONE WHO SAW HIS LAST MOMENTS ...
SO ...

DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?
IF SO, I COULD USE A PROMPT ANSWER.
...YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND, TRAINEE.
IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE THE HOLE WAS BLOCKADED WITH THAT STONE.
YET WE STILL AREN'T DONE RETRIEVING ALL THE CORPSES.
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE FACING A RISK OF WIDESPREAD CONTAMINATION.
WE HAVE TO PREVENT YET ANOTHER CATASTROPHE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO SPARE GRIEVING OVER YOUR FRIEND AT THE MOMENT.
UNDER-STOOD?
LEADER OF... THE 19TH SQUAD ...
MARCO BODT...
104TH... TRAINEES' CORPS.
MARCO, EH... THANK GOD YOU KNOW HIS NAME.
YOU MAY PROCEED.

WHAT'S ALL THIS..?

THEY EAT PEOPLE, AND WHEN THEIR BELLIES ARE FULL, THEY THROW IT RIGHT BACK UP.
THEY DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE DIGESTIVE ORGANS, YOU SEE.
THE TITANS' REGURG-ITATED REMAINS.
UGH ...
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TELL ALL THOSE PEOPLE APART NOW?
DAMN IT... LOOK AT THIS MESS.
...OH MY GOD ...
FOR-GIVE ME...

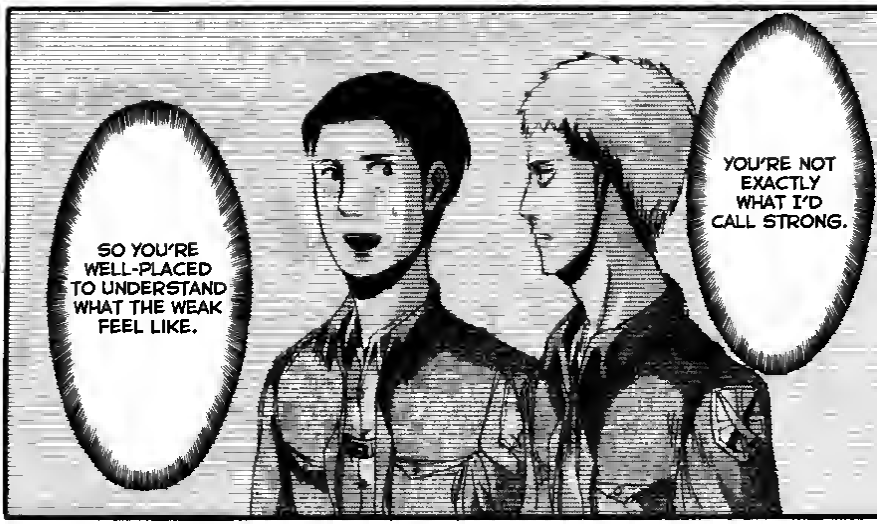
I'M SORRY ...
APOLOGIZING WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE.
LET'S GET THE MEMORIAL SERVICE OVER WITH.
.....
AFTER ALL THAT TRAINING...

HORSE-RIDING.
LOGISTICS PROCESS-ION.
HAND TO HAND COMBAT.
STRATEGY COURSES
CRAFTS-MANSHIP.
THE MANEUVER.

...WE'VE DONE...
ALL THE THINGS ...
ALL THAT HARD WORK...
...WAS IT ALL... FOR NOTHING ..?

EVERY-BODY'S HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS.
HEY... MARCO.
EXHAUSTED AND BROKEN AS WE ARE NOW... NOTHING ELSE COMES TO MIND.
IF WE'D KNOWN WHAT KIND OF HELL WAS AWAITING US, WE WOULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN TO BECOME SOLDIERS.
I CAN'T REMEMBER...
SAY... WHICH ONE OF THOSE BONES WAS YOURS AGAIN..?
...I WOULD'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT WHO'S NEXT...
IF ONLY I HADN'T MET YOU GUYS...
IF ONLY I HADN'T BECOME A SOLDIER...

GOTTA FIGHT. THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT...
BITCH. I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR IT FROM YOU, BUT STILL... I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON.
YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT TITAN SNACK, YOU WILL.
YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO IMPROVE YOUR COMBAT SKILLS?
EVERYONE IS NOT...
BUT... EVEN THEN, I'M NOT GONNA TURN INTO A DUMBASS LIKE YOU...
BUT YOU...
DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY...
...STRONG LIKE YOU...


SO YOU'RE WELL-PLACED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE WEAK FEEL LIKE.
YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY WHAT I'D CALL STRONG.

SO YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO AT ALL TIMES. KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?
IT MAKES YOU ADEPT AT JUDGING ANY SITUATION WITH ACCURACY.
...WHAT THE HELL?

...WILL RING TRUE NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF MESS YOU'RE IN.
SO ANY ORDER GIVEN BY SOMEONE WITH WHOM ALL CAN SEE EYE TO EYE...
WELL... I'M ABOUT THE SAME MYSELF, YOU SEE. YOU COULD SAY MOST PEOPLE ARE QUITE WEAK...
...TO BE DONE..?
WHAT IS...
WHAT NOW ...

HEY... GUYS...
WE'RE STILL SUPPOSED TO CHOSE WHAT BRANCH TO SERVE IN.
HAVE YOU PICKED ONE YET?

I WILL ...
I'VE MADE MY DEC-ISION.
I WILL...
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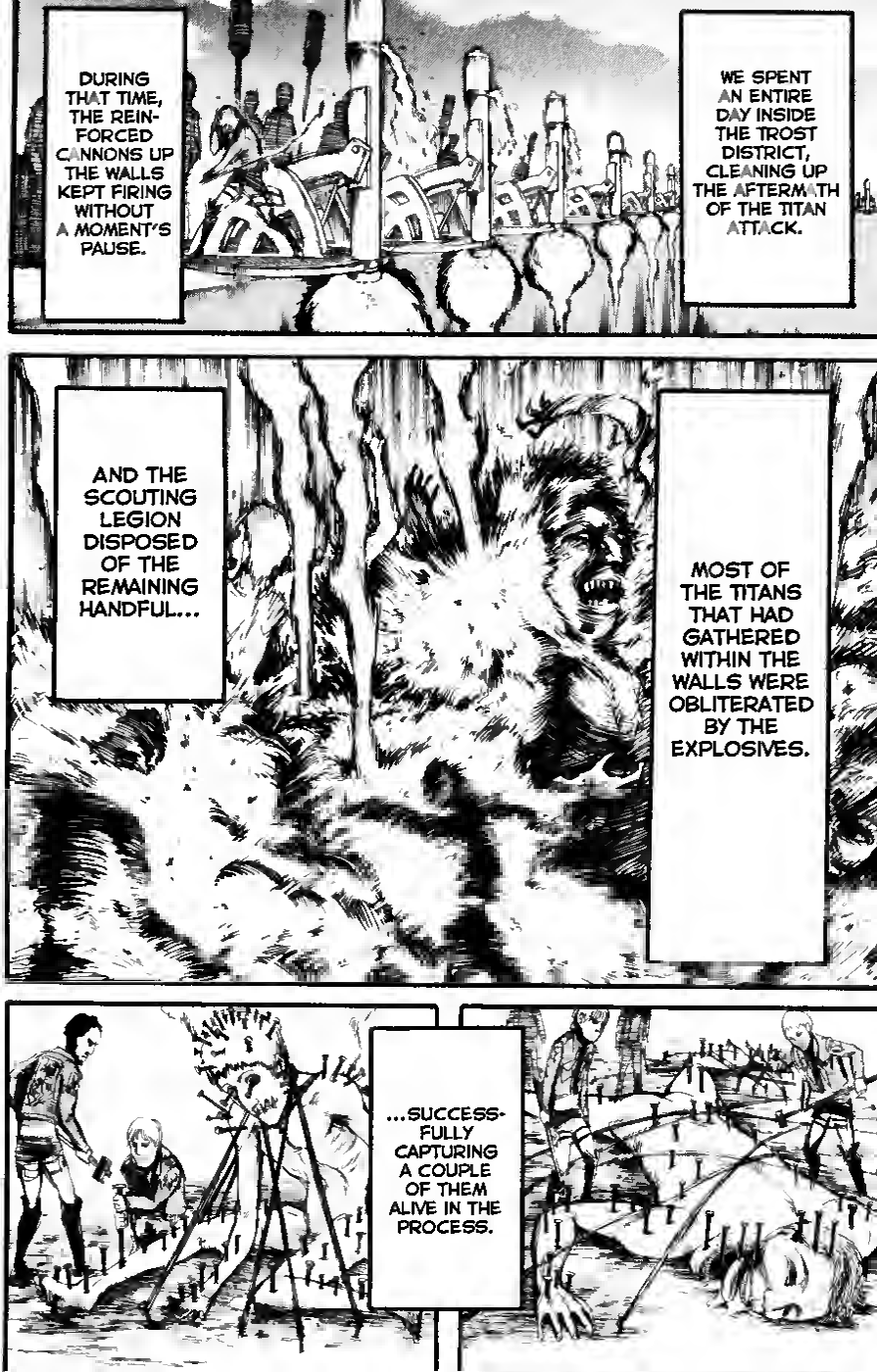
...ENLIST INTO THE SCOUTING LEGION.


DURING THAT TIME, THE REINFORCED CANNONS UP THE WALLS KEPT FIRING WITHOUT A MOMENT'S PAUSE.
WE SPENT AN ENTIRE DAY INSIDE THE TROST DISTRICT, CLEANING UP THE AFTERMATH OF THE TITAN ATTACK.
AND THE SCOUTING LEGION DISPOSED OF THE REMAINING HANDFUL...
MOST OF THE TITANS THAT HAD GATHERED WITHIN THE WALLS WERE OBLITERATED BY THE EXPLOSIVES.
...SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURING A COUPLE OF THEM ALIVE IN THE PROCESS.

YOU SPENT THREE DAYS IN A COMA. ONLY TO AWAKE NOW? OVER SO LITTLE..?
.....
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
EREN.
UH... HUM...
...AND LANCE CORP- ORAL LEVI.
CHIEF ELVIN...
THESE TWO ARE THE SCOUTING LEGION'S ABSOLUTE BEST.

WHERE AM I?
WE'VE FINALLY BEEN ALLOWED TO TALK TO YOU, BARELY A FEW MOMENTS AGO.
YOUR PERSON IS CURRENTLY UNDER THE POLICE FORCE'S RESPONSIBILITY.
YOU CAN PROBABLY SEE THAT FOR YOURSELF, BUT THIS IS AN UNDERGROUND CELL.
WE'RE HEARING THEM OUT.
THEM, AS WELL AS ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING OF YOUR PAST.
AND... WHAT ABOUT THE TRAINEES WHO WERE HANGING AROUND WITH ME?!
WHAT'S NEXT?

HEY...
...WON'T BE MUCH OF A CHANGE FROM HOW IT'S BEEN SO FAR.
WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON...
...I KNOW THAT KEY...
SURE YOU DO... IT'S YOURS.
YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK LATER.
AM I MISTAKEN?
NO, SIR... PROBABLY NOT... OR SO MY FATHER SAID.
BACK AT YOUR PARENTS'...
...IN DOCTOR JAEGER'S BASEMENT IN SHIGANSHINA...
...LIES THE ANSWER TO THE TITAN QUESTION.
YOU LOSE YOUR MEMORY, AND YOUR DADDY GOES MISSING, EH..?
NOW *THAT'S* CONVENIENT...
LEVI... I THOUGHT WE'D ALREADY ESTABLISHED THAT HE HAD NO REASON TO LIE.

WHAT I WANT?
!
...I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ASK YOU WHAT IT IS YOU WANT.
THERE ARE STILL A FEW THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, HOWEVER... AS OF NOW...
TO INSPECT YOUR HOUSE, WE'D HAVE TO RECOVER SHIGANSHINA, IN WALL MARIA.
THE DOOR THERE HAS BEEN BROKEN. BLOCKADING IT RAPIDLY...
...WOULD REQUIRE US TO RESORT TO... THAT TITAN'S POWER OF YOURS.
LIKE IT OR NOT, THE TITANS HAVE A DEFINITE INFLUENCE ON OUR FATES.
THE COLOSSAL TITAN AND THE ARMORED TITAN FOLLOW THE SAME PRINCIPLES AS YOU DO, PRESUMABLY...

I...
.....
I, UH...
THE "KEY" THAT CAN ALLOW HUMANITY TO ESCAPE THIS HOPELESS SITUATION.
YOUR WILL IS THE "KEY".
HELLO... WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY, YOU LITTLE PIECE OF TRASH.
WHAT IS IT YOU WANNA DO?

I WANNA JOIN THE SCOUTING LEGION...
...AND MURDER THEM TITANS, SIR.
NOT BAD.
OH-HOH...

...ELVIN.
TELL THE HIGHER-UPS...
...THAT I'LL BE VOUCHING FOR HIM.
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NOT THAT I TRUST HIM IN THE LEAST.
I JUST WANNA BE AROUND TO KILL HIM IF HE EVER GOES ROGUE AND STARTS A RAMPAGE.
I DOUBT THE TOP BRASS WILL DIS-AGREE...
I'M THE ONLY ONE FIT FOR THE JOB, AFTER ALL...
ALL RIGHT, SON. YOU'RE IN.
CONSIDER YOURSELF A MEMBER OF THE SCOUTING LEGION...
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